

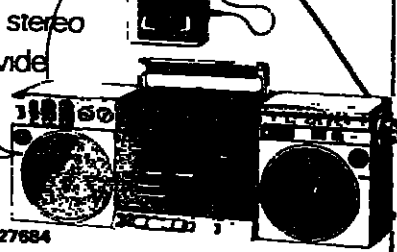
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## Eiffel Tower tale

PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — President Francois Mitterrand, who Thursday started the first official visit of a French head of state to Switzerland since 1910, would be jolted to learn that the French capital's famed 19th century Eiffel Tower should really be called the Koehlin tower.

The daily *Le Matin* de Paris reported Thursday that Zurich-trained engineer Maurice Koehlin submitted to Gustave Eiffel a design for a 300-meter high pylon which was thrown back at him as "madness".

But it did not stop Count Eiffel some years later from adopting the general idea in building his famous tower. But Count Eiffel was not an ungrateful man — he made Koehlin the head of his building company and the Swiss-German engineer lived happily until the age of 90.

## Iran proposes safe zone around bombed oilfield

KUWAIT, April 14 (AP) — Iran offered Thursday to accept a joint declaration with Iraq delineating "a safe zone" around the bombed Iranian Nowruz oilfield, which has been leaking crude oil into the Gulf since January.

But Iranian Ambassador Ali Shams Ardekani categorically rejected Iraq's insistence on a formal ceasefire, under U.N. supervision, as a precondition for starting de-pollution of the Gulf.

"They should not expect us to agree to a ceasefire except after meeting our three conditions: reparations, withdrawal and apology," Ardekani told a press conference here. Iran has said that it wants a "cash down-payment" of at least \$50 billion as a precondition for any peace talks with Iraq.

The Iranian conditions were rejected in Iraq by President Saddam Hussein, who told an international Islamic Conference in Baghdad the Iranian position was "a proof of intransigence in pursuing aggression and expansionism."

The development came as the formal opening of the ministerial conference to combat the slick was postponed for the third time in two days Thursday.

The ministers, along with experts from the eight-state Regional Organization for the Protection of Marine Environment (ROPME) met here last week, when they failed to reach accord on combined action against the oil spill.

The meeting, originally set for Wednesday, has been delayed by side consultations in search of a compromise. Renewed large-scale fighting between Iran and Iraq has meanwhile strengthened a conviction in ROPME circles that the slick may prove as insoluble as the 31-month-old Gulf war itself.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman have been involved in wide precautionary measures to protect dozens of seawater desalination plants, offshore oil wells and oil export terminals against the slick invasion, estimated by conservative accounts at 200,000 barrels of crude oil floating at random throughout the Gulf region.

Kuwait Health Minister Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Awadi was shuttling between the hotel suites of the Iraqi and Iranian

delegations until the predawn hours Thursday, in a bid to bridge the gap separating them and get the conference under way.

The newspaper *Al-Wakeel* meanwhile reported that an emergency conference of the GCC countries' foreign ministers has been scheduled for Saturday in Doha, to examine the slick issue, along with political and military developments in the region.

In Bahrain, officials were awaiting new pictures of the slick by the U.S. space shuttle to identify the exact location and size of the spill.

"Bahrain is not in immediate danger, and it will remain safe at least another 24 hours," said one British pollution expert working for the Bahrain government.

## Kuwait acts to end war

KUWAIT, April 14 (R) — Kuwait will contact U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar soon in a fresh move to help end the 30-month-old Gulf war, government sources said Thursday.

The initiative coincides with the latest flare-up in fighting between Iran and Iraq. Kuwait sent an envoy to Washington and Moscow last week in an attempt to mediate an end to the war, which has cost Arab Gulf states billions of dollars.

Previous mediation efforts by the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the nonaligned movement failed.

Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Kibbi condemned the latest Iranian offensive in the Gulf war in a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Wednesday.

The message, quoted by the Tunisian news agency TAP, said "Iran's intransigence in pursuing the war, despite Iraq's announcement it was disposed to accept peace, is a threat to Islamic solidarity and weakens the potential of the Arabs who at present need to mobilize all their forces against the Zionist enemy."

Kibbi said Iran's "negative attitude" toward peace offers "threatens the security of Gulf states and endangers the stability of one of the most sensitive regions in the world while favoring the thrust of foreign influences."

On the battle front, Iraq said Thursday it had defeated Iran's latest offensive, killing more than 9,800 Iranians, but Iran said its forces were still pushing forward.

An Iraqi government minister said the four-day-old Iranian offensive had turned into a psychological and moral defeat for Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini and would have serious repercussions in Iran.

Iran's Parliament Speaker Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, however, called on Iraq and its supporters to accept Iran's demands for an end to the 30-month-old war. The Iranians reported they captured new strategic heights north of the border town of Fakkeh on Thursday, overrunning Iraqi forward positions after destroying an infantry brigade and a tank battalion.

Two Iraqi helicopters were shot down and air, tank and artillery battles were raging, according to Iranian statements.

## Sikhs take oath to die for cause

NEW DELHI, April 14 (AP) — Thousands of bearded, turbaned Sikhs swore a solemn oath Thursday to die if necessary fighting for the cause of the military brotherhood.

The estimated 31,500 volunteers became the vanguard of a 100,000-man "Sikh Army" being raised by the main Sikh political party, the Akali Dal. Its role has not been clearly defined but it is part of the continuing Sikh fight for 43 political and religious concessions sought from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's central government.

The oath was administered by Akali President Harchand Singh Longowal, who said in a speech before the ceremony that he might not be able to control the "hot-headed" among the group. The warriors took the vow at the Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, 400 kilometers northwest of here.

The ceremony was held on a Sikh holiday celebrating the conversion of the religious sect into a militant brotherhood in the late 17th century. Longowal said a second group of volunteers would be sworn in April 27, and a third batch on May 12.

Among those who took the oath was extremist Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, in whose name airplanes have been hijacked, bombs hurled and murders committed. Bhindranwale, standing next to Longowal on the dais, renewed his call for Sikhs to arm themselves and remove the shackles of slavery. He said they should "eliminate" anyone who directed police to enter the Golden Temple or other Sikh shrines.

Indian law forbids police from entering places of worship. Bhindranwale and other Sikh militants use their temples as sanctuaries.

The Akalis have been agitating since last August over a list of demands ranging from greater autonomy for Punjab state to declaration of Amritsar as a sacred city with a status similar to the Vatican. Mrs. Gandhi has granted some of the religious demands but has balked at the political ones.

The New Delhi authorities meanwhile rushed additional paramilitary police and tightened patrolling in Amritsar.

## PLO to discuss Jordan ties

TUNIS, April 14 (Agencies) — Palestinian leaders will meet here within the next 24 hours to discuss relations with Jordan after six months of talks failed, last Sunday, to produce a common approach to a peace process in the Middle East, Palestinian sources said.

The meeting of the 14-strong executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), attended by leaders of all Palestinian movements, will discuss how to re-establish contacts with Jordan, the PLO sources said.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who returned to Tunis Thursday from a 24-hour visit to Sweden, said in Stockholm Wednesday he was



ENDS VISIT: PLO leader Yasser Arafat leaves Sweden after a 24-hour visit during which he held talks with Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. (Wirephoto)

## Shultz stand rejected

MANAMA, April 14 (AP) — Arab diplomats and newspapers along the Gulf region urged U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz Thursday to pressure Israel, rather than the Palestine Liberation Organization, in the interest of peace in the Middle East.

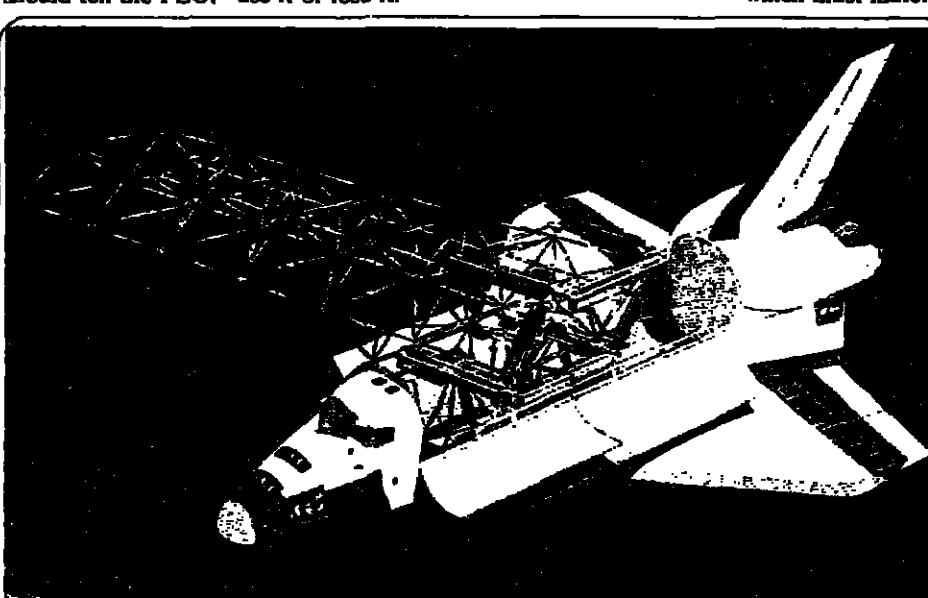
A spokesman for the PLO took exception to Shultz's suggestion that Arab countries consider withdrawing the PLO's mandate as the sole representative of Palestinians.

Hatem Hussaini, the PLO's deputy U.N. observer, said at a news conference in Washington, "I don't think the secretary of state should give orders to Arab states. They're independent."

"After all," he added, "we are not American colonies." He said it was neither Shultz nor the U.S. State Department but the Palestinian people that decided "who represents them, and it is the PLO."

Shultz's remark came in Washington Tuesday, two days after King Hussein of Jordan dropped the idea of joining peace talks with Israel under President Ronald Reagan's plan. Hussein said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had backed out of an agreement that would have let Jordan represent the PLO in the talks.

Shultz said the Arab League "made a mistake" when it gave the PLO exclusive negotiating power back in 1974 and that maybe now it should tell the PLO, "use it or lose it."



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## Kohl flies for parleys with Reagan

BONN, April 14 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl flew to Washington Thursday for talks with President Reagan, hoping to defuse a potential trans-Atlantic row over East-West trade. He will also discuss nuclear disarmament.

Official sources said Kohl, whose reelection last month delighted the White House, would urge Reagan not to make U.S. demands for new restraints on trade with the Soviet Union and its allies a central issue at next month's seven-nation economic summit in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The demands, conveyed by officials preparing the summit, have raised memories of last year's U.S.-European dispute over the Soviet gas pipeline to Western Europe which divided the Western alliance for several months.

Allied governments such as West Germany, while agreeing to improve the system of curbs on sensitive goods, have been unwilling to disrupt lucrative trade with the Communist bloc. During his 24-hour visit, Kohl will also urge Reagan to accept a compromise proposal to end the long-stalled 35-nation European security conference in Madrid, the sources said. (Visit analysis on Page 6)

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, accompanying Kohl, has said a proposed final document drafted by neutral and nonaligned states is a good basis for a compromise accord which would open the way for a pan-European disarmament conference later this year.

## Win forecast for N-freeze proposal

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) — Democratic leaders predicted a sizable victory in the House of Representatives for a resolution calling for a joint U.S.-Soviet freeze on nuclear weapons.

They said Wednesday the measure would pass despite fresh objections from President Ronald Reagan that it would amount to "a formula for permanent insecurity."

The resolution, though non-binding, was depicted by sponsors as both a gesture against the arms race and a vote of no-confidence in Reagan's nuclear arms policy.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., leader of the Democratic majority in the House, claimed the proposal, urging immediate negotiations between the superpowers toward a "mutual and verifiable" halt in the arms race, would "win quite easily."

A welter of amendments stood in the way of quick action, many of them filed by Reagan allies who claim the proposal could undermine the president's ability to negotiate with the Soviet Union.

"It takes away bargaining chips from the president," said freeze opponent Rep. James G. Martin as the House resumed debate on the measure.

The resolution would express the sense of Congress that a central objective of U.S.-Soviet arms talks should be "deciding when and how to achieve a mutual and verifiable freeze on testing, production and deployment" of nuclear weapons.

## Gangs harass Palestinians

VIENNA, April 14 (AP) — Masked and armed gangs are terrorizing Palestinian refugees in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon, as they attempt to push them out of the country, according to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency.

"Armed, masked men" ordered 150 Palestinian families to leave their homes in the port city of Sidon in the latest incident Tuesday, said the Vienna-based UNWRA, in a communique issued Thursday.

"It is hard to tell" who those involved in the latest incident were, said an UNWRA official, speaking privately. "Over the past few months, however, it has been so-called Christian militia people," he added.

Several of the masked men had identified themselves to the Palestinians as members of a group called "Guardians of the Cedars," according to the official. UNWRA, which provides health, education and relief services to Palestinian refugees, has no details about the group, he said.

The families settled in Sidon after an Israeli air raid destroyed their camp at Nabatieh in 1974, said the UNWRA communique. "Some people ... most of them non-Muslims" want to "push them out of Lebanon," said the official.

Since late March, there have been two other known cases of armed masked men have threatening violence to groups of Palestinian refugees unless they vacate their homes in the Sidon area, according to the communique.

Israel, which has retained control of the region following its invasion of Lebanon last summer, has pledged to step up armed patrols in response to an UNWRA appeal, the official said.

## France to decide on neutron bomb

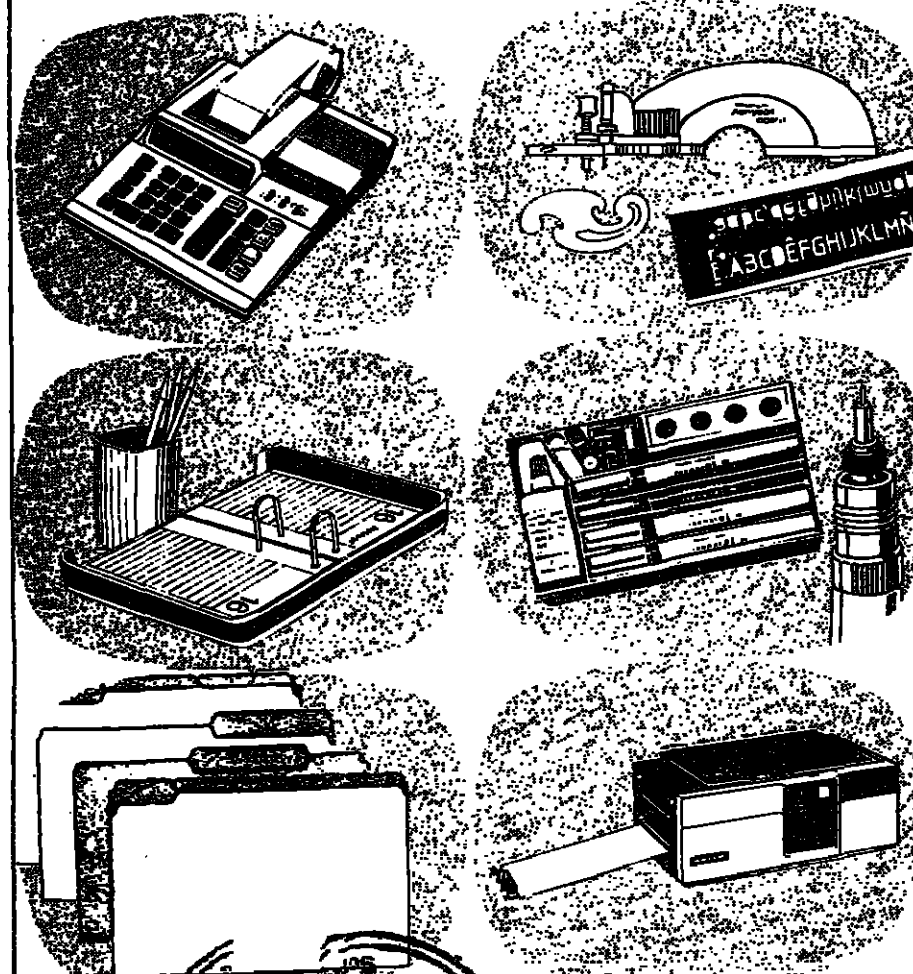
PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — The French government is on the verge of deciding whether to manufacture the neutron bomb, according to parliamentary defense circles. The bomb was discussed Wednesday at a restricted defense council meeting, chaired by President Francois Mitterrand, and attended by Defense Minister Charles Hernu and the heads of the army, air force and navy.

The council discussed France's military plans for the five-year period 1984-88 and various defense options, including the neutron bomb. France has for some years possessed the know-how to make the bomb, which kills but does no property damage, but it has never been incorporated into its military defense system.

A definite decision on whether to do so will be made by President Mitterrand next week, according to parliamentary defense circles. Other decisions will include the number of tanks to replace the AMX-30 over the next decade.

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## Ministers hail new allocations

## Oil crisis won't affect future budgets -- Sultan

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — Prince Sultan, second deputy premier and defense and aviation minister, in an interview published Thursday, said the new budget reflected the government's determination to go ahead in backing development plans in various parts of the country. He told *Al-Bilad* newspaper the current and future budgets would not be affected by the economic situation resulting from the world oil crisis.

Prince Sultan attributed this to the Kingdom's reliance in its development programs on sound planning and not depending totally on oil as a main source of national income.

"Achievements made so far had resulted in several sources on which the Kingdom depends in carrying out its development plans," he said.

The ambitious development plans had realized the hopes and aspirations of the people, Sultan added.

In the meantime, a number of princes and ministers, commenting on the new budget, expressed optimism about the future and

hope that the huge allocations for development projects would realize the people's aspirations. They also praised the speech made by King Fahd during the cabinet session, describing it as comprehensive.

Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb said the new budget met the country's requirements despite the drop in oil royalties. He added that new housing projects would be implemented in certain parts of the country.

Interior Minister Prince Naif described the budget as objective.

Higher Education Minister Hassan Al-Sheikh said much good would come out as a result of implementing the projected schemes despite the oil crisis.

Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail said King Fahd's speech was comprehensive and detailed, adding that the private sector engaged in non-oil domains such as industry and agriculture could easily make good the drop in oil revenue.

Planning Minister Hisham Nazer said the new budget mainly reflected a continuation of present projects rather than toughened on new ones.

Commerce Minister Dr. Suleiman Al-Solaim said the new budget would meet the aspirations of his ministry as regards stability in food commodities and prices and would enable the private sector to maintain its activities, competing with foreign firms.

For his part, Minister of Industry and Electricity and acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosaibi affirmed that industrial and electric development would continue unabated.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani expressed pleasure with the new budget, saying it indicated continued prosperity and progress.

## Thatcher receives King Fahd's message

LONDON, April 14 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Britain Nasser Al-Manqour called on British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher here Wednesday.

Following the meeting, Al-Manqour told SPA that he had delivered a message from King Fahd to Mrs. Thatcher dealing with the current situation in the Middle East and the outcome of an Arab League delegation's recent visit to London, as well as bilateral relations.

## Crime under control -- police chief

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — The Riyadh Police Commissioner Maj.-Gen. Muhammad ibn Ayesh Al-Mutairi, has affirmed that crime in the Kingdom was under full control. He was speaking at a celebration in honor of a number of Riyadh policemen held under the patronage of Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh, Tuesday night.

Gen. Mutairi said that during the past four years 1,116 officers graduated from the

Police Training Center in the province in addition to some 500 lower grade policemen. Around 500 more will graduate soon, he added.

Prince Salman, in a speech, praised services rendered by the police force in Riyadh and the responsibilities it was shouldering. He revealed that certain projects would be implemented soon providing living facilities to policemen.

## Alghosaibi attends hepatitis seminar

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — The second seminar on Hepatitis B was held here Wednesday at the National Guard's ceremony hall under the auspices of acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosaibi, who is also the minister of industry and electricity. The seminar is organized by the Guard's Liver and Scientific Research Center.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Alghosaibi said that Saudi Arabia would never accept to become an experimental field for medicines whose viability remains to be proved. "Our market is not open to every Tom, Dick and Harry. We shall protect our citizens from any second rate medicines," Dr. Alghosaibi said. He warned pharmaceutical companies that they should not think of financing a

medicine whose viability has not been proved in order to market it in Saudi Arabia.

The session was also addressed by Dr. Abdul Mohsen Al-Tuwaijri, director of the center, before Dr. Yassin Abdul Ghaffar, professor of pathology at Ein Shams University in Cairo and dean of the liver specialists in the Arab world, was elected chairman. Four liver specialists from the United States also attended the seminar.

After three hours of lectures during which slides were projected and pictures shown, a dialogue was held among the guests, most of whom were hospital doctors in Saudi Arabia. The first such seminar was held in Jeddah Tuesday. The third seminar will be held in Dammam Friday.

## ENT surgeon visits Jeddah April 23

JEDDAH, April 14 — Richard Ramsden, consultant ENT surgeon of Manchester University, England, will visit here at the invitation of the New Jeddah Clinic Hospital from April 23 to May 5.

One of the world's leading surgeons in the treatment of Manier's disease and tumors of the acoustic nerve, Ramsden will deliver lectures to doctors on his experience and up-to-date management of diseases of the middle ear during his stay in the city.

## With foreign institutions

## Riyadh's educational center signs 2 contracts

By K.S. Ramkumar  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 14 — The International Promotion Organization's (IPO) Middle East Educational Center, which has been providing various educational courses from Riyadh, has signed two new contracts with leading foreign institutions.

One is the Connought College in Bath, England, a medium-sized school with personal attention offering GCE (General Certificate of Education), law, music and drama, and business studies. The other is the Schiller University which has its campuses in London and other European cities and offer American University degree programs to master's level in a wide range of subjects, including business administration, management, public administration, international relations and psychology.

These courses are open to all students with a standard school education, said Joseph Aoun and John Mitchell, of the IPO's center, on their return from a month-long business trip to England and the United States. They said they visited over 50 schools and centers.

"We now have a number of new contracts which provide us with a further range of courses and centers. Our new contracts involve a higher level of collaboration with the associated schools which will participate much more effectively in the life of the center by assuming a physical presence here and helping to organize and promote conferences and seminars," Aoun told *Arab News*.

One of the most important of these new contracts is with the English Language Teaching Development Unit Ltd (ELTDU), Oxford, which was formerly part of the Oxford University Press but now exists independently and can provide specialized items such as assessment course design and consultancy on any aspect of English language in which it has wide experience in many different countries, he said.

Aoun said he was happy during his trip to be able to visit many of his students who are currently studying in England and check on their welfare and progress. He also had an opportunity of staying with an English family, "which gave me a very valuable insight into what it is like to be a foreign student staying in England."

Aoun said: "Certainly, the more I see of English educational establishments and



SIGNING CONTRACT: Joseph Aoun, left, managing director of the Riyadh-based International Promotion Organization's Middle East Educational Center, and Chris Yates, director of the English Language Teaching Development Unit Ltd. (ELTDU), sign the cooperation contract between the two institutions at the Savoy Hotel, London, during Aoun's recent tour of England and the United States.

courses, which vary so much from one school to the other, the harder I find it to understand how some organizations in the Middle East can justify sending students overseas without ever visiting the schools' premises and getting to know the staff."

Because the schools vary so much from one area to the other with different programs, facilities, etc., he said: "We'll be putting on a series of regular promotions and conferences in Riyadh in order to inform people who are interested in studying overseas but don't have access to full and accurate information."

In European countries and the United States, educational features and supplements form a standard part of all major newspapers, and people can be informed easily on courses, he added. Aoun said the center has moved from the Oasis Hotel to its own independent offices in the Capital Lights Building (Adwa' AlAsima), next to Ideal Home and Tesco, on Dabab Street, Riyadh.

He said the contract between IPO and ELTDU, which has been notarized in England, is in respect of all the services provided by ELTDU in Saudi Arabia, includ-

ing ELTDU's specialist services under the general umbrella of IPO's comprehensive educational services.

Thus, when a project is undertaken which requires the specialist services of ELTDU, it is executed jointly by IPO, which provides the local expertise, and ELTDU which provides the technical backup. The provisions of the agreement apply for marketing activities, invitations to bid on projects and contracts with respect to design, planning, execution, consultancy, and development of materials, on any aspect of English language teaching, including staffing, equipment, materials and programs, in the Kingdom.

Aoun said ELTDU will also serve as consultants to IPO from time to time in respect of IPO's own needs. The period of agreement is for three years, automatically renewable.

Through this valuable contract, he said, IPO is now in a strong position to assist all companies to set up and develop English language training on their own premises or overseas. It is also fully equipped to meet, for instance, government projects requiring the setting up of school facilities.

## Company vows action to meet fish shortage

By S. Siddiqui  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 14 — The Saudi Fisheries Company will double its efforts in other areas to compensate for any shortage arising from the ban on fishing in the Gulf waters, said Dr. Nassir Osman Al-Salih, the company's general manager. Salih anticipated that the effort will stabilize prices and ensure adequate supplies.

The Dammam-based company has issued a statement saying that it had stopped its operations in the Gulf waters as of 10:00 a.m. April 11 following the directives of Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water resources and chairman of the company's board on the same day, the minister ordered a temporary halt to pumping water from the 6 million gallons a day desalination plant in Alkhobar.

The company operates seven ships which produce 600 tons from the Gulf waters and has a working relationship with local fishermen who trawl some ten tons of fish daily.

To offset the drop in fish production, the company will shift half of its fleet in the Gulf to the Red Sea, especially the Jizan area. This move will intensify fishing along the Somali coast. An agreement was signed recently with Somalia in this respect and fishing started last March supplying the market with 150 tons from that area. Two ships will be sent Saturday to join the fleet operating there.

The decision to ban fishing in the Gulf waters was taken primarily as a precautionary measure, though no dead fish has been spotted there so far.

Meanwhile, the desalination water corporation has contracted foreign experts to study the case of the Alkhobar plant and decide when to reopen it.

## Two plants being built

JEDDAH, April 14 — Two water desalination plants are under construction in Al-Qaryat and Rafia in the Northern Province at the overall cost of SR260 million, *Al-Nadwa* reported. Likewise, the implementation of the SR150 million irrigation and drainage projects at Dammam Jondul is proceeding according to schedule.

## To promote tourism in region

## Asir governor opens Khamis Mushayet hotel

By Dave Kaiser  
Arab News Staff

KHAMIS MUSHAYET, April 14 — Elaborate and long-range plans to promote tourism and encourage the development of this region were kicked off here Thursday with the inauguration of the Al-Khamis Fratel Hotel by Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal.

A large number of officials and dignitaries and several thousands visitors from places as far away as Paris, were present for the ceremony during which Prince Khaled cut the opening ribbon. He was accompanied by Deputy Governor Prince Faisal ibn Bandar and Khamis Mushayet Governor Abdul Aziz ibn Mushait. Also officiating at the ceremony were hotel sponsors Prince Abdul ibn Moshed and Nasser ibn Majed.

This is the first four-star hotel to be opened

in this region. To coincide with the opening, a number of special 1-2 and 3 night packages will be introduced in cooperation with Kanoo Travel featuring air fare, room and board.

The occasion also coincides with the opening of four national parks in the Asir region.

The Societe Frances Hotelier director general, Claude Labille, and its president, Henri Barre, revealed that the hotel inauguration here was the beginning of their new Middle

East marketing program. These two officials from Paris will go to Aden, South Yemen, where another hotel will be inaugurated Sunday.

The chain already has 40 hotels now located in France, Africa, and the Caribbean. They also announced plans for taking over three other hotels within Saudi Arabia, two will be in Jeddah and will be taken over on a management basis and one will be located in Jizan.

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## Ethiopian air attack repulsed, Somalia says

MOGADISHU, April 14 (Agencies) — Two Ethiopian MIG-21 planes attempted to strafe and bomb the central Somali town of Abud-Wak on Tuesday but were repulsed, according to the Somali Defense Ministry. In a statement Wednesday the ministry said the jets caused no casualties or damage.

Abud-Wak is in the central Galgaduud region of Somalia, where clashes along the border with Ethiopia flared last June. This week Somalia put its armed forces on full alert after accusing Ethiopia of preparing an attack on the border.

Ethiopia denies any involvement in the border skirmishes and says they are the work of Somali rebels fighting to topple President Muhammad Siad Barre's government.

Ethiopia, replying to Somali charges that it was preparing to invade Somalia, Thursday said it was Somalia that was massing troops and weapons along their common border in preparation for an invasion. "Conclusive evidence has now emerged that Somalia is just on the verge of launching yet another act of aggression against Ethiopia," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

He was apparently referring to statements earlier this week by Somali Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samantar who said he

## Israeli planes fly over Bekaa

BEIRUT, April 14 (Agencies) — Israeli and Syrian planes Thursday flew over the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon where Israeli and Syrian forces have confronted each other since last year's Israeli invasion of the country, Lebanese security sources said. Israeli planes also flew over parts of North Lebanon, the sources added.

An Israeli military spokesman near Beirut said he had no knowledge of any overflights Thursday by either Israel or Syria.

Israeli planes make fairly frequent reconnaissance flights over parts of Lebanon but there have been no reports of Syrian overflights for some months.

Residents of Batroun, on the Mediterranean coast north of Beirut, said they could hear the sound of aircraft engines. State-run Beirut radio said Israeli planes Thursday made intensive flights over the Bekaa, South Lebanon and the Lebanese coastline and staged what it called mock raids.

There have been unconfirmed radio reports here in recent weeks that both Israel and Syria are reinforcing their positions in the Bekaa and occasionally exchanging fire.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens Wednesday expressed concern that fresh fighting could break out between Israel and Syria in East Lebanon.

## Essebsi in Algeria

ALGERS, April 14 (AP) — Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caïd Essebsi arrived here for talks with President Chadli Benjedid on regional, bilateral and international issues.

He stressed there was nothing unusual about his visit, but diplomatic sources here are discussing the possibility of a summit meeting between the three Magreb countries, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, in Tunis at the end of April.

## Uluslu rules out leading new party

ANKARA, April 14 (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Uluslu has said he will not lead a new military-backed center party in general elections promised by the ruling generals within a year.

"It is not possible for me to be both leader of a political party and prime minister of Turkey," the daily *Milliyet* reported him Thursday as saying.

There had been widespread speculation that former admiral Uluslu, appointed premier after the 1980 coup, would lead the mooted center party in the elections.

However, Uluslu added: "Don't misunderstand me. I will do everything I can to help the establishment of a political party which will carry on the philosophy of Sept. 12."

## Pym, Kissinger defend Reagan's peace initiative

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger defended President Ronald Reagan's peace plan for the Middle East, saying there is "no practical alternative."

Speaking in the House of Commons, Pym said Wednesday "these proposals constitute an opportunity which will not recur and must be seized urgently."

Pym also attacked Israel's proposal to increase by 57 the number of its West Bank



Francis Pym

settlements. Pym called the proposal "a very offensive statement. Those settlements are illegal and completely contrary to the Reagan plan." Pym condemned as "deplorable" the slaying in Portugal on Sunday of Issam Sartawi, a moderate PLO officer.

Kissinger said Thursday "there is no alternative to King Hussein" of Jordan as negotiator on behalf of the Palestinians in peace talks with Israel. Following a 90-minute meeting with President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, Kissinger also voiced strong hope that Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces will withdraw from Lebanon "before the summer."

Kissinger was asked for his views following the breakdown of talks between Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat on a joint strategy to enter negotiations with Israel for a Palestinian settlement on the basis of Reagan's peace plan.

"There is no alternative to King Hussein as the negotiator and, therefore, I hope that it will be possible for Arab leaders to persuade the Palestinians to understand this and to enable King Hussein to look forward in these negotiations," he replied.

The PLO refused to give Hussein a mandate to negotiate on their behalf through a delegation that would include non-PLO Palestinians.

## America urged to tone down anti-PLO chorus

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) — The Arab League's ambassador to the United Nations said Arab states will not withdraw their mandate for the Palestine Liberation Organization to represent Palestinians in Israeli-occupied lands.

Clovis Makoud said he urged the United States to "tone down" its criticism of the PLO and the Arab League, and added that both organizations were still considering President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan. "We don't think this is very conducive for a continued Arab-American dialogue," he said in a telephone interview.

The PLO is a member of the Arab League, which includes virtually all Arab states. Makoud said the United States overreacted to a statement by Jordan Sunday that it was ending talks with the PLO on ways for Jordan to represent Palestinian interests in peace negotiations with Israel, as called for by Reagan's proposal.

He said it was possible Hussein and Arafat would meet soon to discuss the peace initiative.

## Journalist held in West Bank

TEL AVIV, April 14 (AP) — An Arab journalist was arrested Wednesday in the occupied West Bank after large amounts of anti-Israel propaganda were found in his house in the city of El Bireh, the military command reported Thursday.

The command said security forces found pamphlets calling for rebellion against Israel and the destruction of the Jewish state, in the house of Kamal Jibei, a journalist for the *Al-Fajr* newspaper.

Security forces also found fliers warning collaborators with the Israeli administration in the West Bank that they would be killed. Most of the pamphlets were issued by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

## Pullout talks resume

KHALDE, Lebanon, April 14 (Agencies) — Israeli, Lebanese and U.S. negotiators resumed talks informally here Thursday in their continuing efforts to secure a withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

As he has done for the past two sessions, President Ronald Reagan's special envoy to the Middle East Philip Habib headed the U.S. delegation. The talks were a continuation of Wednesday's session, which was described as "friendly." Habib "intervened on several issues and his interference was always effective," Lebanese spokesman Daoud Sayegh said. He did not elaborate.

"It is possible to say today that the negotiators have begun discussing the annexes and other documents attached to a draft agreement" proposed by Lebanon, Sayegh told reporters.

He declined to give details beyond saying the proposed draft and attached documents "involve numerous legal and security issues. There are many important annexes to the draft."

## BRIEFS

CAIRO (SPA) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Thursday received a message from Lebanese President Amin Gemayel contents of which were not disclosed.

STRASBOURG (AFP) — The European Parliament Thursday called on the 10 governments of the Common Market to issue a strong protest against the recent sentencing of a French volunteer doctor to eight years in prison in Afghanistan.

ISTANBUL (R) — Western diplomats said Thursday they had been told the Romanian consul general in Istanbul, Miron Sava, committed suicide on Monday but this could not be confirmed.

SUEZ (AP) — An Egyptian court Thursday sentenced two West German sailors to 25 years in prison for smuggling \$5 million worth of opium and hashish into the country.

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and Jordan Thursday formally announced the resumption of trade relations, four years after an Arab summit severed all links with Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

## Iranian aide meets with Cordovez in Geneva

GENEVA, April 14 (Agencies) — Iran confirmed that one of its representatives met with United Nations special representative Diego Cordovez who is chairing informal talks here on Afghanistan between Afghan and Pakistani delegations.

The 11 days of talks, which began Monday under the auspices of Cordovez, the special representative of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, were set up to discuss four points: withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan, respect by countries of the region of the principle of non-interference in each other's internal affairs, right of the Afghans to self determination, and voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees.

Iran's charge d'affaires here Muhammad Jafar Mahallati said he had met Cordovez Tuesday at the latter's request and repeated Iran's official position that it was not taking part in the talks because the Afghan resistance movements were not represented.

While Cordovez had said only the refugee issue would be discussed at this second series of informal discussions, Mahallati, citing the U.N. representative, said issues other than the refugee question had been raised at the separate meetings Cordovez had held with the two delegations.

Mahallati said that in his opinion a return of the estimated three million refugees from Pakistan to Afghanistan could only take place after an unconditional withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Meanwhile, the official Afghan news agency Bakhtar said Thursday the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) actively aids the Afghan resistance, supplying arms and military advisers to freedom fighters, citing a U.S.-educated Afghan arrested recently as a CIA agent.

Zamaryalai Melgaray, interviewed by the news agency after his arrest in Afghanistan, said the CIA furnished rockets and machine guns to Afghan fighters and sent military advisers who collaborate with Pakistani secret services.

He told Bakhtar, in a dispatch monitored in Paris, that at the time of his arrest he was in charge of distributing propaganda and gathering information on Soviet and Afghan government troops which he then transmitted to the CIA through the intermediary of the Pakistani secret services.

## Qabous, Weinberger discuss security

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AFP) — Sultan Qabous of Oman and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger met here Wednesday and discussed "regional and bilateral security issues," it was announced.

Sultan Qabous, who arrived in the United States on Monday for a five-day official visit, met Tuesday with President Ronald Reagan, with whom he reviewed U.S.-Oman military cooperation.

Oman, like Egypt, Kenya, and Somalia, has granted facilities to the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force set up to defend Gulf oil wells in the event of war. Sultan Qabous also had a meeting Tuesday with Secretary of State George Shultz.

## 74 arrested in Karachi disturbances

KARACHI, April 14 (AP) — Police arrested 74 persons Wednesday for burning houses and stoning police during the sectarian violence in Karachi's Liaquatabad district, authorities said.

An official statement said there were no serious incidents Wednesday except some sporadic stoning and disruption of traffic. It said the situation had returned to "normal."

Troops were called out Tuesday to quell rioting in Liaquatabad, home of about one million people. An angry mob burned houses and cars and damaged Shia properties, eyewitnesses said.

A council of Shia leaders, headed by religious scholar Abbas Haider Abedi, held a protest meeting Wednesday and demanded that the military government provide "protection

of life and property" to the Shia population in Karachi.

The council called for punishment of those responsible for rioting and looting and compensation to those who have lost property in the series of sectarian clashes over the past two months.

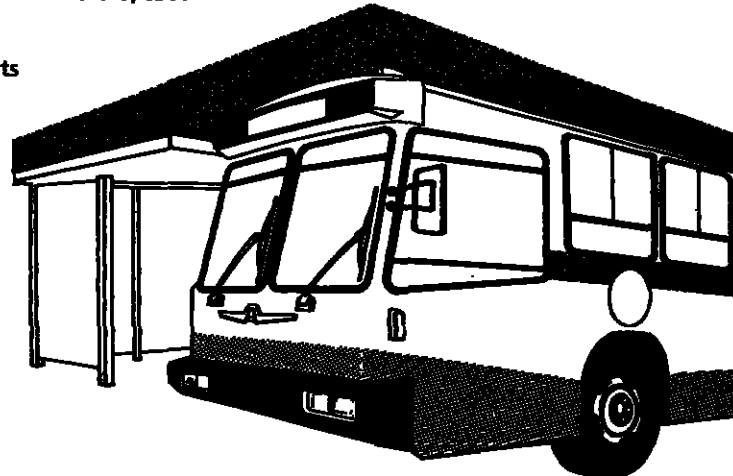
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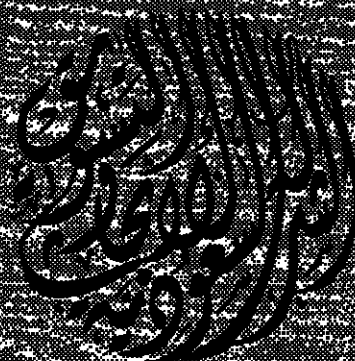
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# Islam in perspective

## What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

To (the tribe of) Thamoud we sent their brother Salih. He said: "My people! Worship Allah alone. You have no deity other than Him. He is who brought you into being out of the earth and established you therein. Seek forgiveness of Him and turn to Him in repentance. My Lord is ever-near. He answers (prayers)."

They answered: "Salih. We had placed great hopes in you before this. Would you now forbid us to worship what our forefathers worshipped? We are indeed in grave doubt about that to which you call us."

He said: "Think, my people! If I take my stand on a clear evidence from my Lord who has bestowed on me His grace, who will save me from Allah should I disobey him? You are, in such case, only augmenting my ruin. And, my people, here is Allah's she-camel, a clear sign for you. Leave her to graze at will in Allah's land, and do her no harm, lest speedy chastisement befall you." Yet they cruelly slew her. He said: "You have just three more days to enjoy in your homes. This is a promise which is sure to be fulfilled."

When Our judgment came to pass, by Our grace We saved Salih and those who shared his faith from the ignominy of that day. Mighty is your Lord and all-powerful. The wrongdoers were overwhelmed by a dreadful cry. As a result that morning found them prostrate in their dwellings, as though they had never prospered there. Thamoud denied their Lord. Oh, away with Thamoud.

(Houd: 11; 61 - 66)

## Arrogance and woeful doom

The same basic issue, the same outline and the same course of action. This is how the account given by the Qur'an of the history of the Prophet Salih and his people opens. He calls on them to believe in the oneness of Allah, to seek His forgiveness and to feel His presence with them wherever they are and whatever they are doing. Salih also reminds them that they have originated from the earth. This refers to the origin of the human race as well as to the fact that every human being depends for his growth on the nourishment which he receives from the earth or from the elements which are available in it. Despite this origin they are put in charge of the earth and given the task of building it. This applies to the human race generally and to them in particular, in their period of history.

All this, however, does not deter them from associating other gods with Allah. Salih, therefore, calls on them to seek forgiveness of Him and turn to Him in repentance. If they do that they should be reassured that he will respond favorably and answer their prayers: My Lord is ever near. He answers prayers. We notice here the use of the possessive pronoun My Lord

and the attributes which are chosen here, ever near, answering prayers. Coming so close together, they give an impression of the reality of godhead as felt by one of the chosen elite of believers. They impart an air of friendliness, compassion and very real contact between the heart of the benevolent prophet and the hearts of his audience.

Their hearts, however, have been blinded by their corruption. They are no longer responsive. Hence, they do not feel the beauty or the majesty of the reality of godhead, nor do they appreciate the friendliness and the care with which Salih addresses them. On the contrary, they are surprised and start to doubt their trusted brother. They tell him that they had placed great hopes in him. They have been aware of his wide knowledge, his honesty, sensibility and wisdom. Now they are totally disappointed with him. But why? "Would you now forbid us to worship what our forefathers worshipped?" To them, that was the calamity. They expected anything but this. And this raised grave doubts in their minds about everything Salih had said.

Thus, Thamoud are puzzled by what is straightforward. They consider as strange

and singular what is right and clear. They are amazed that their brother, Salih, should call them to worship Allah alone. Their astonishment, however, is not based on any evidence, argument or intellectual thinking. They are astonished only because their forefathers worshipped their false gods. People can indeed reach this level of blindness. They base their beliefs on nothing more than that their forefathers believed in the same thing.

Once again we find that the faith based on the oneness of Allah, is, in essence, a call for complete and total liberation of the human mind from the bonds of blind imitation of past generations, and from the shackles of legendary illusions which have no basis whatsoever. Thamoud's attitude toward Salih and their statement: We had placed great hopes in you before this, remind us of the great trust Quraish had shown in Muhammad and his honesty. When he, however, called on them to believe in Allah alone they denounced him in the same way as Salih was denounced by his people. They accused him of being a sorcerer and a fabricator. They preferred to forget their own testimony to his honesty. The same attitude is always repeated.

Like Noah, his great grandfather, Salih puts this simple question to his people: Think my people! If I take my stand on clear evidence from my Lord who has bestowed on me His grace, who will save me from Allah should I disobey Him? If I have a clear proof, and I feel it within me to be absolutely certain that my path is the right path; and if Allah has bestowed His grace on me by choosing me to deliver His message, and has given me the qualities which make me qualified for this task — if all this is true, who will protect me from Allah if, in order to preserve your hopes and trust in me, I disobey Him by not conveying to you His message? Would your hopes which you have placed in me be of any use to me against Allah? You raise before me nothing more than the prospect of double ruin. I will incur Allah's anger in addition to being deprived of the honor of being His messenger and would suffer the ignominy of this world in addition to the punishment of the hereafter. What a prospect of compounded loss.

The surah then speaks of the she-camel which was a sign proving Salih's message. No description is given here of the she-camel, apart from saying that it was Allah's she-camel.

This suggests that the she-camel had certain distinctive qualities from which they know that it is a sign from Allah. We prefer not to use any of the multitude of legends which speak about Salih's she-camel. We confine ourselves to what we are told in Qur'an. They were told to allow the she-camel to graze at will in Allah's land and to do her no harm, or else, they will suffer a speedy punishment. The structure of the sentence in the original Arabic suggests that the punishment would fall immediately on them and overwhelm them totally.

Despite Salih's warnings, they hamstrung the she-camel and killed her. Their action was evidence of their corruption and apostasy. We note that the text here does not allow for any time passing between the appearance of the she-camel and their killing her. It is evident that this sign from their Lord did not affect their attitude toward the message of Salih. Hence, they had to be punished.

They were given a respite for three days, and were told that that was the time left for them to enjoy themselves. The punishment was sure to come in three days.

At the appointed time Salih and those who followed him were saved by Allah's grace. A special act of kindness was done to them and they were saved the humiliating destiny of Thamoud. Humiliating was indeed the fate that befell Thamoud as they died, having heard the dreadful cry, with every one on the same position he or she was in before the cry. Mighty is your Lord and all powerful. Nothing can stand in His way and no people, powerful as they may be, can escape His judgment. Those who are on His side will always have their dignity intact.

The surah provides a scene which makes us wonder at Thamoud and the speed with which they were destroyed: As though they had never prospered there. It is as if they never dwelled or prospered in their magnificent dwellings. It is a scene which fills us with wonder. Nothing more than a glance separates life from death. The whole life of a human being is such a momentary affair.

The final comment is the usual one in the surah. It records the guilt of the people punished, the curse which pursued them and the fact that they were removed from existence and from people's memory; Thamoud denied their Lord, away with Thamoud.

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# The story of falsehood—Aisha's own account

By Adil Salahi

Last week a passing reference was made to the vilification campaign carried on by the hypocrite Abdullah ibn Ubai against Aisha, with a view to undermining the family life of the Prophet.

That the Prophet's own wife should stand accused of one of the gravest sins should provide us with a clear lesson on what to expect from the hypocrites. What we should keep in mind while reading through this remarkable event is that anyone of our leaders or our fellow Muslims may face any type of false accusations. Before we rush to condemn him we should hesitate and think what would have happened if Prophet's wife was hastily condemned by those who heard the hypocrites' accusations against her.

"The Story of Falsehood" is the name given by Aisha to the accusation made by the hypocrites against Aisha. Let us go straight into Aisha's own account before making any comment on the story or its circumstances.

Aisha said: "Every time the Prophet went abroad he made a toss among his wives to decide which of them should accompany him. At the time of Al-Mustalaq expedition the toss favored me and I traveled with him. At the time, women did not eat much, which meant that they were slim and light. When my transport was prepared for me I would sit in my howdah which would then be lifted onto the camel's back. When they had secured it they would leave.

When the Prophet had done his business on that expedition and was on his way back he encamped one night at a spot not far from Madinah. He stayed there only part of the night before the call to march again was made. People got ready and in the meantime I went out to relieve myself, having a necklace on me. I did not feel my necklace dropping off me, so I returned. Realizing that my necklace was gone I looked for it but could not find it. People were just about to move. I, therefore, went quickly back to that particular spot and looked for my necklace until I found it.

In the meantime, the people who prepared my camel finished their task and took up the howdah, thinking that I was inside, and lifted it onto the camel's back and secured it. It did not occur to them that I was not inside it. They, therefore, led the camel away.

When I came back to where we had encamped there was no one to be seen. The army had marched. I, therefore, tied my dress round my body and hid down. I realized that when I would be missed someone would come back for me. I soon fell asleep.

Safwan ibn Al-Muattal of the tribe of Sulaim was traveling behind the army. He was apparently delayed by some business and did not stay that night in the camp. When he noticed my figure lying down he came toward me. He recognized me since he used to see me before we were ordered to wear veils. He said: "Inna Lillah wa inna ilaihi raji'un", or "we all belong to Allah and to Him we shall return". "I woke up when I heard him. I did not answer him when he asked me the reason for my being left behind. He, however, made his camel sit down and asked me to ride it, which I did. He led the camel seeking to catch up with the army. Nobody missed me before they had stopped to rest. When everybody had sat down to relax Safwan appeared leading his camel while I was riding. This prompted those people to invent the story of falsehood. The whole army was troubled by it, but I heard nothing."

Here we interrupt Aisha's narrative to mention that when Abdullah ibn Ubai saw her approaching he inquired who she was? When he was told that she was Aisha he said: "Your Prophet's wife has spent the night with a man till morning; then she turns up with him leading her camel!" This statement gave rise to the falsehood that was spread around Aisha. Let us now pick up her own narrative.

"Shortly after our arrival in Madinah I felt very ill. Nobody told me anything about what was going on. The Prophet and my parents heard the story but they did not mention anything to me. I, however, felt that the Prophet was not as kind to me during this illness of mine as he used to be. When he came in he would ask my mother who was nursing me: "How is that woman of yours?" He said nothing else. I was distressed and requested his permission to be nursed in my parents' home. He agreed. I went there having heard nothing. I was ill for twenty odd nights before I became better.

Unlike other people, we, the Arabs, do not have toilets in our homes. To us, they were disgusting. What we used to do was to go out at night somewhere outside Madinah where we would relieve ourselves. Women went only at night. One night I went out with Umm Mistah. (She was Abu Bakr's cousin.) While we were walking she got trapped by her own dress and fell down. As she did so she said: "Confound Mistah!" to her own son. I said: "Improper is indeed what you have said about a man of the Muhajireen who fought at Badr." She asked me: "Have you then not heard the story?" When I asked her what story, she recounted to me what the people of falsehood said about me. I swear I could not

relieve myself that night. I went back and cried bitterly until I felt that crying would break me down. I said to my mother: "May Allah forgive you. People said about me whatever they did and you mention nothing to me?" My mother said: "Calm down, child. Any pretty woman married to a man who loved her would be envied, especially if she shares him with other wives." I said: "Glory be to Allah. People would repeat this sort of thing!" I cried bitterly throughout that night till morning without a moment's sleep.

The Prophet called Ali ibn Abu Talib and Ussamah ibn Zaid to consult them about divorcing me. Ussamah who knew that I was innocent said: "Messenger of Allah, she is your wife and we have experienced nothing bad from her." Ali said: "Messenger of Allah, Allah imposed no restriction on you in matrimonial matters. There are many women other than her. If you would see fit to ask her maid, she would tell you the truth." The Prophet called in my maid, Barerah and asked her whether she had seen anything suspicious. Barerah said: "By Him who sent you with the message of truth, there is nothing I take against her other than, being so young, she would doze off and let the hens eat the dough I had made to bake."

The Prophet addressed the Muslims in the mosque and sought justification for himself if he should punish Abdullah ibn Ubai for his evil conduct. He then said: "I have seen nothing evil from my wife. Those people are also involving a man from whom I have seen no evil. He never entered the rooms of my wives except in my presence."

Sa'd ibn Muath, the Aws leader said: "I give you that justification. If the man belongs to the Aws, our tribe, I will kill him. If, on the other hand, he belongs to our brethren Al-Khazraj you have only to give us your command." Sa'd ibn Ubadah, the leader of Al-Khazraj who enjoyed good reputation allowed his tribal feelings to get the better of him this time and said to Sa'd ibn Muath: "By Allah, you shall not kill him, and you have no power to kill him." Ussaid ibn Hudhair, a cousin of Sa'd ibn Muath said to Sa'd ibn Ubadah: "We shall indeed kill him. You are no more than a hypocrite defending other hypocrites." People who belonged to both tribes were very angry and were about to fight. The Prophet was still on the pulpit, and he tried hard to cool them down, until they did so.

I continued to cry the rest of my day. I could not sleep. Next morning both my parents were with me after I had spent two nights and a day crying hard. My tears never stopped. Both of them felt that my crying would break my heart. While we were in that condition a woman from the Ansar came to me and started to cry with me.

Shortly afterward the Prophet came in and sat down. He had stopped sitting in my room ever since the rumor was started. For a whole month he received no revelations concerning me. When he sat down he wanted to speak and started by confirming his belief in the unity of Allah. He then said: "Aisha, I had heard such and such being said about you. If you are innocent, Allah will make your innocence known. If you, however, had committed a sin, then you should seek Allah's forgiveness and repent. If a servant of Allah admits his sin and repents, Allah will forgive her." When the Prophet finished, my tears dried out completely and I turned to my father and said: "Answer the Prophet." He said: "By Allah, I do not know what to say to Allah's messenger, peace be on him." I then said to my mother: "Answer the Prophet." She said: "I do not know what to say to Allah's messenger, peace be on him." I was still a young girl and I did not read much of the Qur'an. I said however: "I know that you have heard this story repeated again and again until you now believe it. If I tell you now that I am innocent and Allah knows that I am, you will not believe me. If, on the other hand, I admit something when Allah knows that I am innocent of it, you will believe me. I know no comparable situation to yours except that of Joseph's father (I tried to remember Joseph's name but I could not) when he said: 'I will be calmly patient and I will seek Allah's help against your claims.' I then turned round and lied on my bed. I knew that I am innocent and that Allah will make my innocence known. It did not occur to me for a moment, however, that Allah will reveal a passage of the Qur'an concerning me. I felt myself too humble for Allah to include my case in His revelations. All I hoped for was that the Prophet should see something in his dream to prove my innocence. Before the Prophet left us, however, and before anyone left the house Allah's revelations started and the Prophet was sweating hard as he used to do whenever he received revelations from Allah. When it was all over, the Prophet looked relaxed and smiled. The first word he uttered was: "Aisha, Allah has declared your innocence." My mother told me to go up to him, but I said: "By Allah, I shall not. I am praising no one other than Allah."

This is Aisha's own account of the story and we have reason to refer back to it next week, Allah willing.

## EVENTS OF ISLAMIC HISTORY 24 A.H.

- The year began on Sunday, Nov. 7, 644 C.E.
- After four out of six persons appointed by Caliph Umar withdrew their names, Uthman ibn Affan was elected the third caliph. Ali ibn Abi Talib pledged his full support to the new caliph.
- The new caliph took office on 3rd Muharrar (Nov. 9, 644 C.E.) at the age of 71 years. After Caliph Umar's death, the hostile elements in Egypt, Armenia and Syria revolted, but the new caliph suppressed the revolt.
- Caliph Uthman allowed all governors and state officers to continue in their position and sent a directive asking them to be more pious in character and more considerate to the problems of the people.
- appointed Saad Ahi Waqas as governor of Kufa replacing Muqbilah ibn Shaban.
- The ousted Roman ruler instigated the Romans to revolt in Egypt against Muslims and sent a naval force for their support. Amr ibn al-As crushed the revolt promptly.
- Azar Rajjan and Armenia revolted against Muslims but Waleed ibn Aqaba conquered the whole area again.
- The Roman ruler also mustered a large army for attack on Syria. Amr Muawiyah with Habbab from Syria and Sahabun ibn Rabbia from Kufa took the challenge and defeated the Romans decisively.
- Surajah ibn Malik Jathali who followed Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) in Migration and later accepted Islam and Abdur Rahman Kab Ansari expired.

## Muslim belief in angels

By Adil Salahi

When we enumerate the essential beliefs of Muslim we find that believing in the angels is of paramount importance after believing in Allah. The angels are mentioned in several verses of the Qur'an, a fact which necessitates that no Muslim can deny their existence. It is needless to say that what the Qur'an states must be firmly held as fact by all Muslims. Whoever denies anything that is mentioned in the Qur'an takes himself outside the religion of Islam. We will explain here the qualities of the angels as given in the Qur'an and by the Prophet so that the Islamic concept of the angels is clearly formulated.

From what Allah has told us in the Qur'an we know that the angels were created before the creation of man. Allah has told them of his intention to create man: "When your Lord said to the angels, 'I am placing on earth a vicegerent.' They replied, 'Will you place on it such as would spread corruption and shed blood, whereas we celebrate your praise and extol your holiness?' (2: 30) The same verse indicates that the purpose of their creation is to comply with Allah's orders whatever he bids them to do. Indeed, they cannot disobey him. The Qur'an states: "They do not disobey Allah whatever He bids them, and they do whatever they are bid." (66: 6)

Angels live in heaven. This is indicated by the fact that they "come down" to earth when they receive Allah's orders to do so. The Prophet asked Gabriel: "What prevents you from visiting us more often?" The answer was not given by Gabriel himself, but was given by the following Qur'anic verse which was revealed later: "We come down only when your Lord commands us to do so." (19: 64)

It seems that man has a higher status than the angels. This is apparent from what we are told in the Qur'an about Adam being taught all names before the angels were asked about them. When they indicated their ignorance they were ordered to prostrate themselves to Adam as a sign of salute. He taught Adam the names of all things; then He brought them within sight of the angels and said: "Now tell me the names of these if what you say is true." They answered: "Usatides is your glory, we have no knowledge save that which you have imparted to us. Indeed, you alone are all-knowing, wise." He said: "Adam, tell them their names." When he had told them all their names, He said: "Have I not told you that I surely know the secrets of the heavens and the earth, and I surely know all that which you conceal? We then said to the angels: 'Prostrate yourselves before Adam.' They all prostrated themselves save Iblis, who refused and swelled with insolence and was thus one of the disbelievers. (2: 31 - 34) Moreover, the angels' obedience to Allah is part of their nature. They do not have to resist any temptation to disobey Him. There is no conflict within them between what they desire and what Allah tells them to do. Their natural desire is to obey Allah. Hence, any human being who succeeds in keeping to the right path, complying with Allah's orders as best as he can, resisting all temptations to disobey Him seems to be better than the angels.

Angels may also take different shapes, and acquire sometimes a physical form, or perhaps appear like human beings. We are told in the Qur'an that Mary was given the news that she was to beget a son by an angel who "appeared to her like a perfect human being." (19: 17). The same happened with Abraham's guests who were angels in the form of human beings.

Qur'an of the angels is that they have wings which vary in number: Some of them have two wings, others have three and some have four wings. Some may even have more. Different angels are given different tasks. We know that Gabriel is the one who carries Allah's revelations to his messengers. He is described in the Qur'an as being honest and being obeyed by other angels. We know that to a certain angel whose name is not given in the Qur'an or in the pronouncements of the Prophet is assigned the task of causing death to mankind by separating their souls from their bodies. A number of angels carry Allah's throne. Some angels have the task of serving the inhabitants of heaven and attending to their wishes. Others inflict Allah's punishment on those who are thrown to Hell. Some take people forward on the day of judgment in order to attend the reckoning of their deeds and some testify for or against human beings on the day of judgment.

We are told in the Qur'an that angels attend the battles the believers fight. In the first major battle fought by the Prophet against the unbelievers, that is, the battle of Badr, the angels actually took part in the fighting in support of the Muslims. In later battles, their task was confined to encouragement and stiffening the position of the Muslims without actually fighting. Their task in relation to the believers also includes that they pray for the believers, ask Allah's forgiveness for them and implore Allah to save them from sin. They also attend the morning prayers with the believers. Angels do not marry and procreate and they cannot be classified into male and female.

These are the main qualities of the angels, as related in the Qur'an. The traditions of the Prophet speak of the angels in greater detail, but they are largely confined to what we have already stated. Whatever information has been given in the Qur'an must be accepted without question, whether it relates to angels or any one else. As we have said earlier, to believe in the angels is one of the essentials of Islamic faith: "The messenger believes in what has been revealed to him by his Lord. So do the believers: Every one of them believes in Allah, His angels, His books and His messengers." (2: 285)

When we believe in the angels we can feel Allah's greatness to be more real. We remember their limitless number and that they are always available to carry out Allah's commands whatever they are. They seem to be endowed with great powers which enable them to carry out their tasks. The angels are Allah's soldiers who maintain a standard of absolute discipline.

When we think of this we are bound to feel awe in our hearts. But we need only to remember that the angels pray for the believers and ask Allah's forgiveness for them. This is bound to make us feel Allah's mercy as we should feel it: great, limitless, ever present. When we think of the angels we are much more reluctant to fall in sin. We know that they record whatever we do and say. Hence, we do not want witnesses to testify to our misdeeds. On the other hand, when we are in a battle, fighting for the cause of Islam, we are willing to fight harder, and to show our courage because we know that the angels are supporting us, by Allah's order. When we think of the angels, we always feel that we want to be like them, always obedient, always running away from sin. This is bound to elevate us, and to help us maintain a high standard of morality and a keen interest in doing good. In short, believing in the angels is of immense help to us in our effort to do as Allah wants us.

## Shops' closure at prayer time

Q. I have been in Saudi Arabia for 3 or 4 months now and it has pleased me so much to see that all shops are closed at prayer times. I, however, noticed that some shopkeepers simply stand close to their shops while prayers are being offered in the mosques. Shouldn't they be made to go to the mosques and offer their prayers? Is it not true that asking them to close their shops is doing only half the duty?

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A. What the officials do when they ask shopkeepers to close at prayer time is to tell them to go and pray. That is as much as any official can do. No authority is supposed to hold people by the hand and take them to the mosques where they are made to join prayers. If they do this, they can only do it for certain prayers and not for all of them. The regulations which are in force stipulate that shopkeepers should close down for prayers. The officials make sure that they comply with these regulations. What shopkeepers or their customers do afterward, and whether they join prayers in the mosques or pray in their own shops or in the street is something they decide and for which they are certainly answerable to Allah. The authorities have done their duty when they have "enjoined them to do what is right." The rest is left to Allah.

## Clarification on Abraham's story

Q. You have referred very briefly to the "Story of Abraham and his father" in your article of March 4, 1983. Other stories referred to in that article, such as those of the wives of Noah, Lot and Pharaoh, are known to me. Could you please elaborate on your reference to Abraham's father?

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A. The Qur'an refers to Abraham and his father in several surahs. For particular emphasis reference may be made to surah 6 (Cattle) verses 74-79, and surah 19 (Mary) verses 41-50 and surah 60 (The Examined One) verses 4-6. In all these references nothing specific is mentioned about the position of Abraham's father. What we are told is that he was an unbeliever. Abraham argued with him and tried hard to make him accept the message of truth. Abraham's father, however, was adamant and would accept no argument from his son. When it was absolutely clear to him that he cannot prevail over his father and make him see the truth, Abraham decided that nothing can be gained from persistence and he decided to sever his relations with his father. This he did most emphatically and he dissociated himself from his father and his people who shared his disbelief. Abraham's attitude is highly commended in the Qur'an as portraying the depth of Abraham's belief in Allah. Abraham did not place any significance on his family and blood ties with his father or his people. The bond of faith to him was paramount and it superseded all other bonds and ties. He deserted his father, continued to pray for him but severed, at the same time, all his relations with him.

The reference you point out in our "What the Qur'an teaches" was also made in this connection. It was given in order to emphasize that making the bond of faith the overriding bond in the social and family relations has

was first preached by Adam, Noah and the rest of the Prophets.

## Borrowing to pay debts

Q. I know a person who took out loans from various banks and individuals in order to improve his business. He had to pay interest on these loans. After working for 8 years he was completely bankrupt, and his debts to the banks and individuals were huge indeed. The property he had was only a small plot of agricultural land and by selling it he could have only paid 10 percent of his debts. A couple of years later he started a new business. His overriding aim was to earn money in order to pay back the old debts. In order to start his new business he borrowed more money from the bank at interest. The present situation is that he has paid some of his earlier debts and has also improved his land, but he is still paying interest to the bank. What I would like to know is whether the loan he took out in order to start the business a second time is permitted under Islam i.e. whether it was essential for him to take out the loan in order to pay back his earlier debts. Would it, otherwise, have been right for him to sit back and not pay his debts because he did not have the means to do so?

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A. To start with, all financial dealings that are based on interest are forbidden. The prohibition applies to both lending and borrowing. So, it is not permissible for a Muslim to lend money at interest or to borrow it at interest. The prohibition on borrowing may be waived only in cases of dire need, when there is no other way to meet the need in question. It is, therefore, forbidden to borrow money at interest in order to expand one's business. The case you mentioned gives an example of the wisdom of this prohibition. If things go wrong, as they did in this case, the burden on the borrower is much heavier.

To answer your question, I would like to make it clear that an important principle of Islam is that we do not commit something forbidden in order to be able to do something lawful. It applies here in the sense that for your friend to pay back his debts is good and desirable. To commit a sin in order to do this desirable thing, i.e. to borrow money at interest, remains forbidden. The fact that borrowing is made for a good purpose does not alter the prohibition. From an Islamic point of view, your friend is only required to do what he can to pay back his debts, provided that he does it by lawful means. He is not required to, indeed he must not make an interest-based transaction, in order to pay back his debts. What he must do, is to try hard to earn enough money to pay them back through lawful means. It is not acceptable to say that borrowing at interest is the only method by which he can pay his debts. Sometimes, people are induced to do things too quickly, and they indulge in sin in order to do that. Patience, common sense and steady hard work should be enough for anyone to achieve his objectives. If your friend puts his trust in Allah, keep to the path of Islam without indulging in sinful practices, and maintain his prayers to Allah to help him, Allah is sure to facilitate for him the achievement of his desirable purpose of paying back all the debts he had incurred in his bankrupt business. To conclude, I cannot emphasize too strongly that what your friend is doing now is sinful, despite the fact that the objective is good and praiseworthy. He should be very careful: past sinful practices and their consequences must



## In an incident-marred AL action

## Goose fails to lure Tigers into the trap

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — Goose Gossage whose appearance on the mound is usually enough to guarantee a New York Yankee victory gave up the game for the second straight time Wednesday night as the Detroit Tigers downed the Yankees 7-5.

Gossage, who surrendered an eighth-inning three-run homer to Toronto's Jesse Barfield in his last appearance, entered the game with one out in the seventh with the Yankees leading 4-3 and two men on. He struck out Lou Whitaker, but Johnny Grubb ripped a double to left-center to put Detroit ahead to stay and Larry Herndon singled him home. Glenn Wilson homered off Gossage in the ninth.

In other American League games, Boston pounded Kansas City 18-4, California Angels downed Seattle 6-1, Cleveland beat Texas 4-3, Toronto downed Milwaukee, 7-2 and Oakland topped Minnesota 5-4.

At Yankee Stadium, Detroit got off to a 3-0 lead in the first. Ken Griffey homered in the fourth, then the Yankees scored three runs in the fifth on a single by Graig Nettles, an RBI double by Willie Randolph and Griffey's second homer. Then Grubb turned it around again with his double to left-center.

The game was marred by a fifth-inning fight between New York's Dave Winfield and Detroit's Dave Rozema, who had just joined starter Jerry Ujdr. Rozema's first pitch sailed over Winfield's head. Winfield charged the mound and threw a punch at Rozema as both dugouts emptied. Winfield was ejected and Rozema given an official warning.

Red Sox 18, Royals 4: Glen Hoffman had five hits and Jim Rice had a homer and triple as the Red Sox pounded out 21 hits and took advantage of five Royal errors in Kansas City's sub-freezing weather, with a wind-chill

factor of 10 degrees.

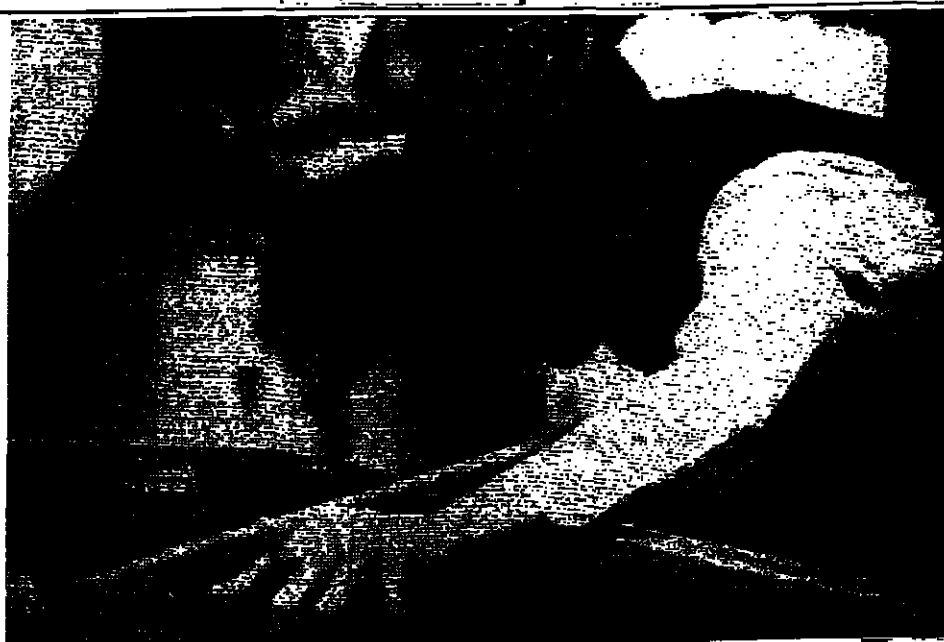
The start of the game was delayed 48 minutes by a cold rain and Hoffman said that late in the game the weather looked like it was beginning to freeze in the infield. Rookie Mike Bro got the win for Boston and Paul Splittorf, who was shelled, took the loss. Rice, Wade Boggs and Rick Millings knocked in three runs.

Angels 6, Mariners 1: Zahn tossed a four-hitter and Doug Decinces hit a two-run homer as the Angels breezed to their Anaheim Stadium victory. Zahn retired 15 in a row between the fourth and ninth inning. He had all the runs in the second inning, when California took a 2-0 lead on a single by Decinces on errors by Mariners' left fielder Steve Henderson and shortstop Todd Cruz.

Indians 4, Rangers 3: Mike Hargrove doubled home Chris with the tying run in the seventh inning, then scored the winning run on Bake McBride's single as Cleveland handed Texas its second loss of the season. Cleveland starter Len Barker, 2-0, posted his sixth straight victory without a loss against Texas, his former team, in Cleveland Stadium.

Bre Jays 7, Brewers 2: Jesse Barfield slammed a two-run homer and Garth Iorg hit a two-run, bases-loaded double to power Toronto over Milwaukee. After giving up a run on two hits in the first inning, Jim Clancy, 1-0, retired 14 consecutive batters before walking Robin Yount in the sixth.

A's 5, Twins 4: A bases-loaded, two-out double by Bob Kearney in the eighth inning drove home two runs to lift Oakland over Minnesota. Kearney's hit followed a lead-off single by Bill Almon and intentional walks to Wayne Gross and pinch-hitter Ricky Henderson.



Cliff Thorburn...  
Canadian challenger



Alex Higgins...  
the crowd puller

| Past winners |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1971-76      | Joe Davis        |
| 1977         | Walter Donaldson |
| 1978         | Fred Davis       |
| 1979         | Walter Donaldson |
| 1980         | Fred Davis       |
| 1981         | John Pulman      |
| 1982         | John Spencer     |
| 1983         | Ray Reardon      |
| 1984         | John Spencer     |

## Colorful green baize kings get set for pot of gold

LONDON, April 14 (R) — The World Professional Snooker Championship has come a long way since the legendary Joe Davis won the fourth of his 20 titles in 1931.

That year there were only two entries: Davis, who remained undefeated champion until 1946, and Tom Dennis. The "final" was held in the smoky back room of Dennis' club in Nottingham and Davis walked away from the table six pounds sterling richer.

The 57th championship, which starts in earnest in Sheffield's luxurious Crucible theatre on Saturday, carries a winner's cheque of 30,000 sterling (\$45,000) and attracted an original entry of 74.

The field has now been whittled down to 32 — chasing total prize money of 145,000 sterling (\$224,000) — and the 17-day tournament will occupy 80 hours of prime time viewing on British television.

An audience of over 17 million tuned in to watch Alex "Hurricane" Higgins beat six

times champion Ray Reardon in last year's final... A far cry from the 50 or so who stumbled in on the Davis-Dennis duel.

The last link with those not-so-romantic days of the past was severed last week when the late Joe Davis' 70-year-old brother, Fred, himself world champion on 10 occasions, was beaten by Rex Williams in a qualifying match. Ironically, "Williams now" meets another Davis, 1981 champion and 5-4 favorite, Steve.

British players have dominated the event in the past, providing nine of the 10 names on the trophy. Only Canadian Cliff Thorburn interrupted the sequence when he beat Belfast-born Higgins in 1980.

The chances of a newcomer joining the elite are slim and the 1983 champion is likely to be from the top quintet — Higgins, Davis, Thorburn, Reardon and his Welsh compatriot Terry Griffiths, winner in 1979.

Davis has dominated the sport for the past

two years although he was thrashed 10-1 by fellow-Englishman Tony Knowles in the first round last year. At 25 Davis is probably the biggest earner in British sport after jockey Lester Piggott, commanding 3,000 sterling (\$4,500) a night for exhibitions.

But the man the fans will flock to the crucible to watch is Higgins, known to his adoring following as "The Hurricane".

While Davis tackles each frame with the studious concentration of a Swiss watchmaker, Higgins gives the impression he has a taxi waiting outside with the meter running. He is inventive and impetuous and his compulsion for trying the "impossible" pot endears him to both fans and rivals alike. The cigarette company who sponsor the event also loves Higgins — even time the television camera lands on him he appears to be lighting up.

But the top-seeded Higgins, who has a tough first-round tie with English teenager

Dean Reynolds, has thrown away countless frames over the years by letting his heart rule his head and he must not allow the crowd's excitement cloud his judgement.

Higgins and Davis are seeded to meet in the semifinals but before then the Northern Irishman may have to play the ever-dangerous Canadian "Big" Bill Werbenink.

Reardon, 49, and nicknamed "The Prince of Darkness" for his uncanny resemblance to dracula, is ranked No. 1 in the world at present and will be too long in the tooth for Ireland's Eugene Hughes in his first-round 19-frame match.

Thorburn, available at the attractive odds of 14-1, should also survive the first hurdle but will then face Griffiths in what could be the match of the tournament. If there is to be a new face on the winner's rostrum the likeliest candidate is England's Jimmy White, who will celebrate his 21st birthday on the last day of competition.

## Chris breezes past Mary Lou

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, April 14 (AP) — Chris Evert-Lloyd defeated Mary Lou Piatek 6-1, 6-0 Wednesday in the \$250,000 Lipton Women's Tennis Association Championship.

Earlier Wednesday, second-seeded Andrea Jaeger, complaining of a knee injury, withdrew from the tournament.

Jaeger, 17, was bothered by a series of injuries last year, and withdrew from a tournament in Boston, Massachusetts, with a similar knee injury earlier this year. She was taken to a nearby hospital, where she was released following an examination. She strained the knee in last week's Family Circle Cup at Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Jaeger was to have met qualifier Raffaella Reggi of Italy, who advanced into Thursday's round of 16 with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over replacement Lele Forood.

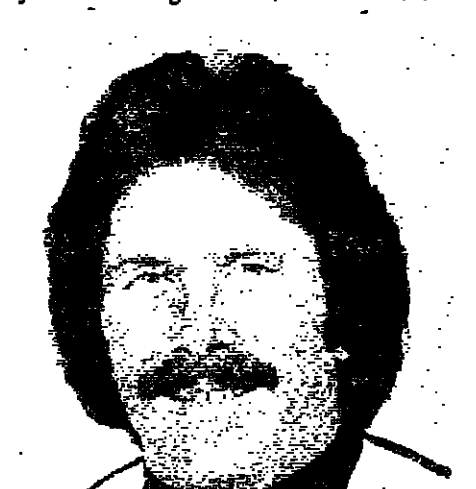
Fourteenth-seeded Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa was the only seeded player defeated in Wednesday afternoon's matches, losing to 15-year-old amateur Michelle Torres 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Fifth-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany defeated Andrea Leand 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. Seventh-seeded Zina Garrison defeated Ivanna Madruga-Osses 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

## Greg Louganis excels

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, April 14 (AP) — World champion Greg Louganis, unbeaten off the 1-meter springboard in national competition the past six years, scored a pair of 10s on his final dive Wednesday night and beat runner-up Rob Hollinger by 28 points at the opening session of the U.S. Diving Indoor Championships.

Louganis, 23, diving for the Mission Viejo Nadadores, had seven scores of 9.5 to go with his two 10s on his last dive, a reverse, two-and-a-half somersault. He led Hollinger by only seven points before that dive and finished with a winning margin of 633.12 to 605.25.



Schmidt...homers for Phillies



Rozema...involved in a scuffle

## Diaz sees Phillies home

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — Pat Corrales figured a double would do. Bo Diaz's Grand Slam was even better.

With Philadelphia trailing the New York Mets 9-6 in the bottom of the ninth inning with the bases loaded and two outs Wednesday night, Corrales, the Phillies manager, sent speedy Bob Dernier to pinch-run at first base.

"Don't try and hit it out of the ballpark," Corrales told Diaz, while the Mets were bringing in relief ace Neftalí. "Dernier is on first and he can score on a double." "I nodded 'OK,'" Diaz said.

Diaz ran the count to 2-1 before unloading a Grand Slam deep to left, capping a five-run rally and powering the Phillies to a dramatic 10-9 victory. "OH man, it was a good feeling," Diaz beamed.

In other National League games, Atlanta downed Cincinnati 6-1, San Diego nipped San Francisco 2-1, St. Louis routed Pittsburgh 9-1 and Los Angeles beat Houston 5-3 in 14 innings. Allen, who lost Tuesday's night game to Philadelphia by giving up a 10th-inning run, sat in the New York dugout for 10 minutes with his head in his hands after Diaz's blast.

Mets reliever Rick Ownbey took a 9-5 lead into the ninth but exited with two outs after loading the bases on three walks. Jesse Orosco was brought on and promptly walked pinch-hitter Bill Robinson.

That set the stage for Allen now, 0-2, to face Diaz. The homer was the first of the

season for Diaz, his second career Grand Slam and topped off his five RBI performance, the first-ever for Diaz.

The blast also spoiled a four-hit night for New York's Dave Kingman, who unloaded his first homer of the season. Danny Heep and Bob Bailor also homered for the Mets, while Mike Schmidt cracked his second of the year for the Phillies.

Dodgers 5, Astros 3: Steve Yeager slammed a two-run, two-out homer in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Astros matched the National League record with their ninth consecutive loss at the start of the season.

Derrell Thomas doubled with two outs in the 14th off Frank Lacorte and Yeager followed with his homer, his second game-winning blast in two nights.

Braves 6, Reds 1: Chris Chambliss homered twice to knock in three runs as Atlanta won its seventh straight game.

The Braves, who won a modern record 13 consecutive games to start last season, have not lost this year since dropping their opener to Cincinnati. Chambliss drilled a two-run homer in the second inning and added solo blast, his third homer of the year, in the sixth.

Cardinals 9, Pirates 1: George Hendrick went 5-for-5 and homered twice, while Joaquin Andujar won his 12th consecutive game over two seasons. Andujar, 2-0 this season, shakked Pittsburgh on seven hits and retired 13 batters in a row during one stretch. He has now allowed just one earned run in 18 innings this season.

## Connors takes Fromm in stride

LOS ANGELES, April 14 (Agencies) — Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion Jimmy Connors bounced back from a lean spell to defeat fellow-American Eric Fromm 6-3, 6-0 in the second round of the \$255,000 Pacific Southwest Tennis Championships Wednesday.

In another action, Fritz Buehning upset third-seeded Eliot Teltscher 6-4, 6-4. Buehning, ranked 56th in the world, recorded three of the four service breaks in the 92-minute match at the Los Angeles Tennis Club. Buehning will meet 10th-seeded Hank Pfister in a third-round Thursday. Pfister had qualified by beating Stan Smith Tuesday.

Earlier Wednesday in second-round matches, fifth-seeded Johan Kriek of South Africa downed Pat Dupre 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, and 15th-seeded Robert Van't Hof topped Butch Walts 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

In third-round clashes, fourth-seeded Brian Gottfried eliminated 12th-seeded Chip Hooper 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; ninth-seeded Tim Mayotte upset sixth-seeded Mel Purcell 2-6, 6-2, 7-6, and 13th-seeded Mike Depalmer rallied for a 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 triumph over Tim Wilkinson.

Gottfried, Mayotte and Depalmer all qualified for Friday's quarterfinals. The semifinals are scheduled Saturday and the final Sunday. The singles champion will earn \$36,000.

Meanwhile, Swede Mats Wilander, the tournament favorite, easily qualified for the second round of the \$75,000 Grand Prix Tournament in Aix-En-Provence with a 6-2, 7-5 win over American Jim Brown. Wilander will meet his countryman Anders Jarryd in the next round.

In second matches, Frenchman Loic Courteau blasted Australian Trevor Allan 7-5, 6-3. Henri Leconte got past Gilles Moretton in an all-French clash, Colombian Jairo Velasco bested German Peter Elter 6-4, 6-3, and Spaniard Sergio Casal stunned New Zealander Chris Lewis 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

## Sri Lanka grabs 2-wkt. win

COLOMBO, April 14 (AFP) — Sri Lanka scored a creditable two-wicket victory over Australia in their first Limited-Over International at the Saravanamuttu Stadium here Wednesday.

Australian skipper Greg Chappell won the toss and decided to bat. Aided by a 72-run second Wicket partnership between Graeme Wood (50) and Graham Yallop (39), Australia managed to total 168 for 9.

At one stage they were 118 for 6. Roger Woolley (16) and Tom Hogan (27) batted effectively to push up the score, with Hogan slamming a massive six to deep square-leg off paceman Vinodan John.

Right-arm leg spinner Somachandra de Silva was the pick of the Sri Lankan bowlers. His variation of the leg-break and the top spin baffled the Australian batsmen, who sel-

## Dallah Avco virtually assured of title

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 14 — Dallah Avco maintained their unbeaten run in the Alhusseini-sponsored BMW Cricket League to virtually sew up the pennant with just one match to go. Their fluent victory over New Stars last weekend put them in an unassailable position and the outcome of their last engagement will in no way affect their position.

But Dallah did not have it easy in their last-but-one contest. Though they struck with the very first delivery of the day — New Stars' Shafi falling to Salman — they faced a middle-order recovery in the form of Mahmood (33) and Sohail (37).

But New Stars' hopes of a big total was sent spinning by the left-arm bowlers, Asim Shah (three for 51) and Shahid Ansai (four for 44). Only the last-ditch resistance from Orlando, who hit a hectic 24, saw New Stars propel to 178 in the prescribed overs.

Dallah's batting prowess was once again evident when they flogged the New Stars' attack. Salman Sheikh, who had been out-standing with his bat right through, led Dal-

lah to their facile five-wicket verdict with a classy 71. Shahid Hameed (35) and Javed (26) were the others who had a hand in Dallah's superb performance.

In the only other clash of the week, Saad Electronics registered a comfortable 148-run triumph over Jeddah Cricket Club (JCC). Making the first use of the wicket, Saad Electronics suffered early setbacks when openers Amjad and Anshad failed to get going. But the expected collapse of Saad Electronics did not materialize as Farooq (63), Mo'in (59), Munawar (44), Khalid Nusrat (36) and Anis (24) put their side on a pedestal. They helped muster 274 runs for the loss of nine wickets. Javed (three for 69) and Mustafa (two for 86) and Fazal (two for 37) were the successful bowlers.

Farooq capped his fine batting performance with a superb bowling spell. His deadly three for six spell wrecked JCC's aspirations of making a match of it. JCC chipped in with two for 36 as JCC folded up for 126. Only three batsmen scored runs of note. Zia (26), Shabeen (21) and Javed (36) saw JCC reach a semblance of respectability.

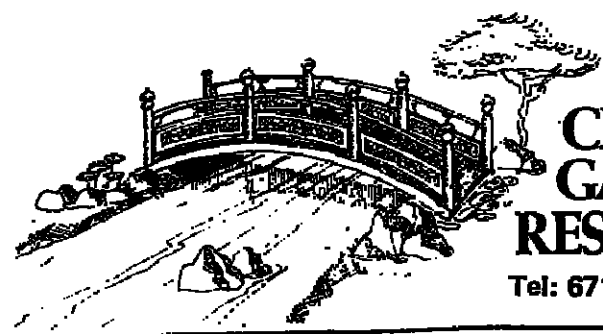
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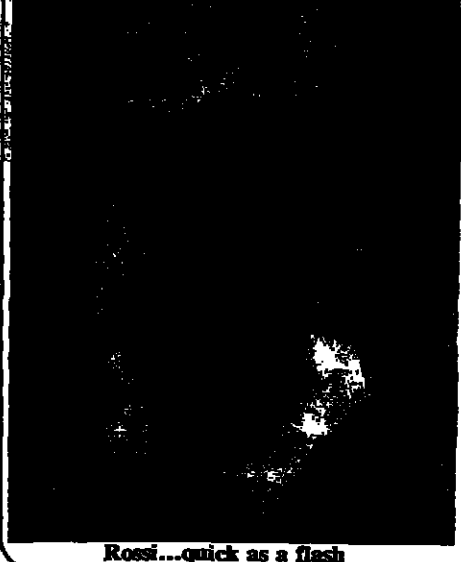
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By John Crasto  
Special to Arab News

BOMBAY, April 14 — When a legend becomes a reality men expect miracles. Superstars like Carlos Alberto, Zagallo and Tele Santana among others have converged on the Middle East. They have set the already volatile craze for soccer in the Gulf on fire. The big, brawny men out there want to win the world in a sport where their frenzy knows no boundaries.



Rossi...quick as a flash

camel became the prized mascot at Madrid, the Middle East had at last arrived in the top league. Would a Gulf team be the best in the world? But global supremacy for Kuwait was not to be.

Kuwait did not have marksmen with the speed of eye and foot of a Paolo Rossi. Their maiden venture in soccer extravaganza did not bring fulfillment. And now it is another build-up, more celebrated coaches to fashion incisive attacking strategies and plans for defensive bases.

Soccer fever is raging in Kuwait, it has spread like wildfire all over the Middle East. Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar all play the South American way.

The Brazilians have built up a rare flair, they have built up skill. But they have yet to come up with an answer for providing that distinctive finish which made Pele, Johann Cruyff, Maradona, Eusebio and Rivera immortals of the game. Strikers to snap up chances even before a goalkeeper reacts is what they need so much. Paolo Rossi did it for Italy. He did not have the weight to shoot powerfully. But his team rose to his will-o'-the-wisp call as he flashed home winners in the twinkling of an eye.

Brazilian coaches will have to produce distinctive strikers. Gulf players are generally on the heavy side, who play safe rather than attempt blatant strikes with speed. For a fast speed is at a premium. If Brazil became world champions, or for that matter Italy, it was because they were capable of mounting sudden breakthroughs. That goal

by Paolo Rossi, in the World Cup final against Germany which saw the ball being switched so many times in the penalty area, emphasized what speed can do to defenses, provided the control backing is there.

Gulf teams play the highly defensive sys-

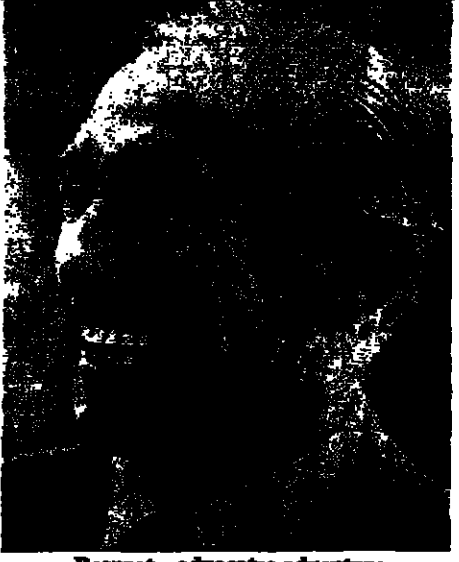


Santana...adds to the flair

## Speed spells soccer supremacy Gulf teams knocking at the World Cup door

recognition today. Caution and conservatism, Bearzot felt, would not do. He brought in Paolo Rossi, faster and quicker with the ball, to replace the solid Graziani in the 1978 World Cup. Rossi's mobility all over the field made vital space for colleagues to come from behind and boost the offensive thrust. Rossi had the uncanny knack of being in the right place at the right time. His goals fashioned Italy's 1982 World Cup triumph.

Every skirmish is another lesson. The



Bearzot...advocates adventure

competitive attitude of players is heightened today. Pressures of prestige and fabulous monetary gain demand the epitome of efficiency. And football fans have become knowledgeable. They want attractive soccer. If the Middle East countries want to extend their Asian supremacy they must experiment with the concept of Total Football. What Johann Cruyff and the Dutchmen showed the world in the 1974 World Cup, Diego Maradona and Kempes emphasized the efficacy of attack in Argentina's success. Paolo Rossi slammed it down Brazil's throat and then set Italy on the road to historic triumph. You have to attack with strength and resolution if you want to rule the world.

To score from half chances, to score from rebounds, to make good rivals lapses is the way to win matches. Middle East teams must develop as an attacking force. Kuwait has shown the way though without success. Others must profit from the lessons of Kuwait to make world domination a reality.

When man used to kick the bloody head of a vanquished, little did those martial people of ancient days know that the game they oriented would inherit worldwide interest. For every coach there is a dream of producing a world-beating side. The Brazilians have the best football brains in the world, they could well re-live their past glory if they could build a world champion side from the Gulf. And well they can do it. Qatar reached Junior World Championship final. Which of them will make the World Cup final? Will it be Kuwait again or Saudi Arabia, or Qatar or the U.A.E.? Any one of them could do it. They have the stuff, they need the speed.

## Blokhin boots home winner for Soviets

LAUSANNE, April 14 (AFP) — A 38th minute Oleg Blokhin goal gave the Soviet Union a 1-0 victory over Switzerland in a friendly international football match here Wednesday night.

The Soviets, who held France to a 1-1 draw in Paris last month and who have been beaten only by Brazil in almost three years, had several opportunities to score before Blokhin pot scored following a cross by Bal Cherenkov actually got the ball into the Swiss net in the 12th minute but the goal was not allowed because of off-side.

Switzerland, who had earned a commendable 2-2 draw with Scotland in Glasgow last month, came back in the second half but Rinat Dassayev had a splendid game in the Soviet goal and the better-organized visitors almost increased their lead in the dying stages.

Both teams are preparing for the European Championship qualifying matches next month when the Swiss tackle East Germany and the Soviets play Poland.

In other friendly matches, East Germany beat Bulgaria 3-0 in Gera. Steinbach put the home side ahead after 53 minutes, but it was not until the 83rd minute that Streich made it 2-0. Busse popped home the third four minutes from the final whistle.

In Coimbra, Portugal and Hungary drew 0-0. Hungary, England's biggest rivals in their European Championship qualifying group, play Luxembourg in Budapest on Saturday in a championship match.

In Budapest, Hungary beat Greece 3-1 in an Olympic qualifying match. Dincikos put Greece ahead after 37 minutes but Kardos qualified for Hungary four minutes before the interval.

Szokolai gave the home team the lead in the 66th minute and Tulipan put the result beyond doubt when he scored for Hungary 11 minutes from the end.

After two matches, Hungary head the standings with three points, followed by Bulgaria with one. Greece and the Soviet Union, who have yet to play, are without any points.

Meanwhile, Ajax Amsterdam will play N.E.C. Nijmegen in the Dutch Football Cup final after both clubs won desperately close semifinals via penalty-kicks.

Ajax overcame P.S.V. Eindhoven in a sudden death shoot-out after losing the second leg of their semifinal 2-0. P.S.V. had started the return match 0-2 down from the first leg.

Nijmegen, who had drawn 2-2 way to Haarlem, were held to a goalless draw in their return match. Extra time was played in both matches.

## It will be Arrows sans Alan Jones

LE CASTELLET, France, April 14 (AP) — Former world champion Alan Jones of Australia will not compete in Sunday's French Grand Prix auto race because the Arrows team has not found sufficient sponsorship, the team announced Thursday.

Jones came back this year after a year-long layoff and raced the last championship event at Long Beach, California, and the non-championship race at Brands Hatch, England, last weekend.

Arrows managing director Jack Oliver said, "At present we are unable to pay Alan the fee which a driver of his ability can command." Oliver said they had agreed he would

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SLIDING TACKLE: Soviet defender Baltacha (3) slides to foil Switzerland's Decastel in the friendly clash between the two nations in Lausanne Wednesday. The Soviets won the tie by a solitary goal.

## F.A. Cup semis Charlton exudes optimism

LONDON, April 14 (AFP) — Jack Charlton, nicknamed "The Giraffe" when he played a key defending role in England's World Cup triumph in 1966, stuck out his neck again Wednesday by predicting an Arsenal-Sheffield Wednesday F.A. Cup final.

Charlton's Second Division team Wednesday are plagued by injuries and the big man recognized that First Division strugglers Brighton could lift their game when the two sides meet in a semifinal at Highbury on Saturday.

"Brighton are quite capable of bouncing back from their relegation worries," Charlton said. "But I am sure we can make Saturday a day to remember in the history of Sheffield."

drive again for Arrows when the team had sufficient money "to satisfy Alan's requirement for a full program" to develop the car.

It was understood that Brazilian Chico Serra would replace Jones in the race on the French Riviera Circuit. Jones said his agreement with Arrows runs until the end of May. "At that time we will make a reassessment of the situation," Jones said. "Which may include me considering a return to Australia," ending his Grand Prix hopes.

At a meeting of teams, organizers and the international governing body here Thursday, agreements were reached for special safety precautions for race refueling this year.

field football. "As for the other semifinal, I think Arsenal might surprise a lot of people by putting out Manchester United. And if it all adds up to an Arsenal-Wednesday final, I would not mind that at all," he said.

While his backroom staff continued to work on casualties Mike Lyons, Mike Pickering and Peter Shirliff, Charlton reported his other doubtful starters Gary Megson and David Mills were back in training and ready for the fray.

Charlton went on: "I'm not moaning about the injuries, about Ian Bailey breaking his leg just a week before the semi. I have been in the game long enough to know it throws up bad luck. 'Let's just forget these selection problems and look forward to enjoying ourselves — players and fans.'"

Brighton's Republic of Ireland midfielder Gerry Ryan continues to pose their main problem. Treatment on his injured hamstring three times a day has yet to produce a major easing and it looks like a Saturday morning decision.

Arsenal vacate Highbury to meet Manchester United in the other semifinal at Villa Park, Birmingham, and the news from both camps remains cautious.

United casualty, Kevin Moran, is making slow but steady progress with his ankle injury and Ashley Grimes has shaken off the effects of flu. Arsenal center-half David O'Leary is now thinking in terms of risking his suspect ankle.

## While beating Lakers twice in a night San Antonio spurred to great heights

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — The six teams battling for the final four National Basketball Association playoff berths would love to do what the San Antonio Spurs did — win two games in one night.

New York, Washington, Kansas City and Denver all won Wednesday night to help their post-season hopes, while Atlanta's loss to the Kings hurt its chances. The Spurs, who have already clinched the Midwest Division tie, needed just three seconds to add one game to the win column against Los Angeles and then won the regularly scheduled contest 114-109 over the Lakers.

The first game had been suspended since Nov. 30 after the NBA ruled that officials improperly made a jump-ball call that helped the Lakers win in double overtime. On Wednesday, the game was restarted with the Spurs ahead 116-114 with three seconds left in overtime.

Los Angeles guard Norm Nixon tried to miss his free throw on purpose so a teammate could get the ball, but San Antonio got possession when Nixon missed the rim. San Antonio's Johnny Moore was fouled and he hit one of two free throws to seal the long-awaited victory, 117-114.

In games crucial to the playoffs, New York beat New Jersey 108-100 to pull into fifth place in the East, one-half game ahead of Washington and Atlanta. The Bullets stayed close with a 95-76 rout of Philadelphia, while the Hawks fell 114-103 to Kansas City.

In the West, the Kings' victory put them into fifth place, one-half game ahead of Portland and one game ahead of Denver, which beat Houston 131-112.

Elsewhere, Indiana whipped Milwaukee

113-90, Chicago tripped Cleveland 107-98, Detroit beat Boston 113-101, Dallas trimmed Utah 106-99, Phoenix outscored Seattle 109-96 and Golden State bombed San Diego 113-92.

Kings 114, Hawks 103: Kansas City won the pairing of playoff contenders as Ray Williams scored 32 points and Eddie Johnson 27 against Atlanta. The Kings, who have won five games in a row, faces Houston on Friday and Denver on Sunday.

Bullets 95, 76ers 76: Washington manhandled Eastern conference champion Philadelphia as Ricky Sobers and Jeff Ruland scored 17 points apiece. The Bullets, who will clinch a playoff spot if they can win their last three games, led by as many as 21 points and held All-Stars Andrew Toney and Julius Erving to eight and seven points, respectively, while Moses Malone didn't play because of a knee injury.

Kaliks 108, Nets 100: Louis Orr and seven other New York players scored in double figures as the Knicks beat their cross-river rivals. Orr scored 11 of his 13 points during a 25-12 fourth-quarter run that turned an 80-80 tie, the 17th deadlock of the game, into a 105-92 lead with 5:07 left.

Nuggets 131, Rockets 112: Denver stayed alive in the Western Conference playoff race as Kiki Vandeweghe scored 28 points, Dan Issel 27 and Alex English 26 against Houston.

## Canadian girls shock Germans

KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (AP) — Unfancied Canada scored a 2-1 victory over defending champions West Germany in a Group 'B' match of the fifth World Cup Women's (field) Hockey Tournament here Thursday.

A 32nd minute goal by Darlene Stoyka put the Canadians ahead in the first half. West Germany neutralized the lead after the switch of ends in the 57th minute through Martina Koch. But Jean Gourlat sealed the victory a minute from time with a superb field goal.

In other actions, the Soviet Union edged Argentina 1-0, England beat New Zealand 3-2, and Scotland drew Wales 1-1 in Group "A."

The Soviet goal was following a penalty push taken by captain Natalia Krasnikova in the 20th minute. The stroke was awarded when Soviet center forward Natalia Buzunova was brought down by Argentine goalkeeper Laura Molhail. It was the first win for the Soviets, while the Argentines suffered their first defeat.

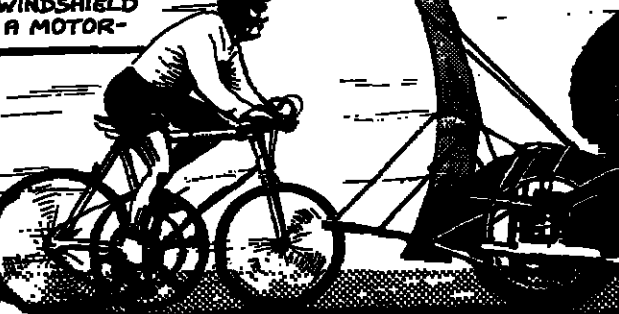
England got its first goal in the 42nd minute by Jane Swinerton. In the 50th minute, England was two-up with a gift goal. A shot from England's Linda Carr toward the goal hit New Zealander Robyn Blackman's leg and landed inside the goal line. But a minute later, New Zealand scored when Shirley Haig crashed home a penalty-corner. The Englishwomen ensured their victory with a third goal in the 58th minute through second-half substitute Ruth Hine.

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## Recovery may not be sustained

## Steel demand picking up, OECD says

PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — Signs of a "very modest" improvement in demand for some steel products have emerged in a few industrial countries but cannot yet be taken as indicating a sustained and strengthening recovery in the steel market, the OECD said Thursday.

The 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said that the market remained "weak" in other member countries.

Figures compiled for the OECD steel committee, which was winding up two-day consultations with Hans Collander of Sweden in the chair, showed that the United States was hardest hit by the world steel industry crisis last year. Output fell to a 36-year low, while Japanese production was only slightly down on 1981 and the European Economic Community recorded a 12 percent decline.

With prices remaining under "heavy pressure" throughout 1982, overall OECD crude

steel output declined by 63 million tons or 16 percent to 328 million tons from 391 million tons in 1981. Fourth quarter production totaled 72 million tons, a 23 percent drop from levels a year earlier.

Despite a deliberate reduction of overall OECD crude steel capacity for the second year in succession, the OECD steel industry's capacity utilization dropped to a mere 58 percent from an already very low 69 percent in 1981.

The loss of jobs in the steel sector, which has been a steady feature over the past eight years, reached an unprecedented total of 150,000 last year, a 10 percent drop from 1981.

OECD said the sharp decline in steel output in the member countries was caused in part by a "significant" decline in sales to developing countries, which were increasingly hit by recession spreading from the industrial world.

But the OECD survey stressed that most of

the drop was due to a decline in internal OECD demand, which was down to its lowest level since 1967 under the impact of considerably reduced activity in steel consuming sectors and a running down of steel stocks.

The survey said the situation by major producer areas was: — North America: Demand for steel dropped by 34 percent, much in excess of the OECD average. U.S. output was dramatically down by 42 million tons to 66.4 million, the lowest level since 1946. The 38 percent drop from 1981, due in part to trade developments and destocking, inflicted losses in excess of \$3 billion on U.S. steel-makers.

Canada's output dropped by 20 percent and capacity utilization was down to 30 percent by the year-end. A slight recovery in orders from the consumer durables sector has been recorded since the beginning of this year, but there are still no signs of recovery in the capital goods sector by the end of 1983.

## France may lift video import curbs

PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — The French government is "well on the way" to lifting the restrictions on imports of Japanese-made video tape recorders that were imposed six months ago, the Foreign Trade Ministry has said.

It was reacting to reports that the so-called Pottiers offensive, whereby all VTR imports had to be channeled through the remote customs post of Pottiers in southeastern France, might be lifted by the end of the month.

The ministry said that its statement, the only official declaration made so far on the matter, had been conveyed to Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Uchida in a meeting with Foreign Trade Minister Edith Cresson on Tuesday.

Japanese Embassy sources here said they had the "impression" that the French restrictions, which have resulted in around 200,000 VTR sets now being piled up at the tiny Pottiers customs office pending customs processing, would be scrapped "soon."

This would follow the conclusion between Japan and the European Economic Community last Feb. 12 of a voluntary restraint agreement covering Japanese shipments of VTRs to the community. The arrangement took effect March 18.

## Global economy said looking up

FRANKFURT, April 14 (R) — West Germany's central bank said Thursday the world economy is showing first signs of a recovery.

The Bundesbank said in its annual report for 1982 that both development and industrialized nations could look to the future with confidence as long as they continued to pursue economic policies aimed at achieving stability and contained budget deficits.

The central bank pointed to the recent fall in oil prices which it said would aid the balance of payments of many countries, stimulate domestic demand in oil-importing nations and spark renewed growth in world trade. This in turn could help stem the trend toward protectionist policies which threatened to abort recovery.

## Denmark to ease currency controls

COPENHAGEN, April 14 (R) — Denmark's conservative-led government announced it would ease foreign exchange controls next month in an apparent bid to spur economic activity.

The reforms would substantially raise both the limits on Danish business investments abroad and on money invested in Denmark by foreign business, an Industry Ministry official said.

Economists said the reforms, outlined in an official report, reflected marked improvements in the Danish economy partly arising out of the coalition government's anti-inflation program.

A ban on sales of government bonds to non-residents would also be removed, the official said. The ban was imposed in 1979 by Denmark's previous Social Democratic administration to stop outflows of high-yielding government paper which the state was forced to issue to cover its wide budget deficits.

In her letters, Mrs. Gandhi referred to the "fears and apprehensions, the hopes and aspirations" of nonaligned countries and drew attention to the threat of nuclear war and the global economic crisis, it was said.

Third World countries such as India seek to engage the advanced industrial nations in wide-ranging economic talks to restructure world trade and reduce the inequalities faced by poor non-industrialized lands exporting mainly raw materials. This is referred to as "North-South" dialogue between the poor countries lying mostly in the southern regions of the world and the wealthier nations of the north.

The 65-year-old Mrs. Gandhi succeeded Cuba's Fidel Castro as head of the nonaligned movement.

## Exxon retains top ranking

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — Exxon Corp. retained its ranking as the largest U.S. industrial corporation, but some leading petroleum companies lost ground as a world oil glut and recession shook up the standings announced Wednesday in the *Fortune* 500 directory.

General Motors Corp. moved up a notch to second place, regaining the spot it had lost in 1980 to Mobil Corp., and Ford Motor Co. climbed to fifth from sixth. The rankings are based on revenues last year.

International Business Machines Corp., whose 1982 profit of \$4.4 billion was the most among the *Fortune* 500 companies, climbed to sixth place from eighth. Exxon was second in earnings, at \$4.2 billion.

Just three companies — Exxon, No. 4 Texaco Inc., and No. 9 Gulf Oil Corp. — were unchanged among the top 10 companies. Many leading companies, such as American Telephone and Telegraph Co., are not included in the rankings of manufacturing companies.

Among oil companies slipping in the standings, Mobil dropped to third, Standard Oil

Co., of California fell from fifth to seventh, Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) dropped to 10th from seventh and Atlantic Richfield Co., was toppled from 10th to 12th.

And although Exxon remained No. 1, its sales of \$97.2 billion were down 10 percent from 1981, dropping below \$100 billion for the first time since 1979.

Two companies that recently acquired oil businesses rose. Du Pont Co., advanced from 12th to eighth place. Last year was its first full year of ownership of Conoco, the 14th largest industrial concern when it was purchased in September 1981. U.S. Steel Corp., which acquired Marathon Oil Co., in March 1982, moved to 14th place from 19th.

Meanwhile, profit for the *Fortune* 500 companies fell 27.1 percent from 1981, a record decline for the 29 years the directory has been published, the magazine said.

But thanks to the major stock market rally in the second half of last year, the median total return to investors in *Fortune* 500 companies — the sum of stock price gains and dividends paid to shareholders — jumped 21 percent.

Oslo, which ranked No. 3 worldwide with an index figure of 125, remained Europe's most expensive city but dropped to ninth overall place with an index of 109, followed by Zurich 102 and 14th among the top 20.

Tying with the Swiss banking center was San Francisco, the most expensive North American city. The Venezuelan capital of Caracas was the highest-priced place in Latin America, according to the survey, with an index of 113 and fourth overall place.

Among the relatively inexpensive cities, according to the survey, were Frankfurt and London, both index 86, Paris, 87, Rome 82, Stockholm 81 and Moscow, 80.

## Lagos, Tokyo rated costliest cities

GENEVA, April 14 (AP) — The rise of the dollar has shifted rankings among the world's most expensive cities but the Nigerian capital of Lagos remains the unchallenged leader in 1983, according to a survey compiled by Business International Corp.

For the second straight year, Lagos topped a list of 86 cities throughout the world, followed by Tokyo, second, and Cairo third. Mexico City was at the bottom end with an index of against Lagos' 144, and New York's 100.

The strength to the U.S. currency made all cities — except Lagos — cheaper for Americans compared with a similar survey last year. But the trend also put three American cities — San Francisco, Chicago and New York — back among the top 20, and thus less of a bargain for non-Americans.

Business International is an independent research and consultant firm advising hundreds of transnational companies. The survey is to help companies determine living cost differentials paid to expatriate executives.

The weighted index is based on a food "basket", household supplies, recreation, transportation and selected other items.

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## Indira bid to improve rich-poor ties

NEW DELHI, April 14 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has written to world leaders asking them to turn their attention to accelerating economic talks between the advanced industrialized countries and the poor nations, a government spokesman said Wednesday.

In her letters as the new chairman of the nonaligned movement, Mrs. Gandhi also renewed the call of last month's nonaligned summit for all state and government chiefs to gather at the U.N. General Assembly's regular September session.

This is intended as "a collective manifestation of our political will" to solve the economic and political crises confronting the world's people, the spokesman said.

Recipients of the letters, forwarded through Indian ambassadors in major capitals, evidently included U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Soviet leader Yuri Andropov and the heads of all other major countries outside the 101 members of the nonaligned movement.

Five years after Malaysia signed a deal with Shell, and Mitsubishi, their joint venture has just started to ship tanker-loads of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to customers, two Tokyo-based utilities. When the plant reaches its full capacity in three years, it will earn the country something like \$1.8 billion a year. Should other gas-rich countries in Asia like Bangladesh, Pakistan and Thailand opt for this dollar-earning avenue as Brunei and Indonesia had previously done.

This question is best answered by looking at the costs and benefits of the Malaysian project. The plant itself will have cost by the time it is finished \$1.6 billion. The special purpose tankers needed to ship the gas at a temperature of 160 degrees below zero cost another \$800 million. The port built alongside the plant has cost another \$200 million, and there are further costs on housing, communications and other facilities at Bintulu, a small township on the Borneo island.

Without doubt, the earnings from gas sales will be large enough in an overall sense to recoup the investment and yield a profit on top of it. Otherwise, Shell and Mitsubishi would not have staked their money on the project in which each holds 17.5 percent of the equity. Besides, Shell has invested some

\$1.5 billion on raising the gas from offshore fields and piping it to the plant. This is under a production sharing contract with Malaysia's national oil company, Petronas, allowing Shell a share of around 36 percent in the price the joint venture plant will pay for the gas it processes.

The gas industry uses the concept of net-back, meaning the residual return at the well-head from which the gas comes. This is, of course, a figure which no producer wants to divulge but a guess can be made by using expert estimates offered in the *World Energy Survey*, a publication of the International Energy Agency set up by industrial countries in the wake of the first oil price explosion.

It says that the cost of gathering gas and liquefying it was about a quarter of the f.o.b. price Japan was paying to Abu Dhabi at the end of 1981. These data do not obviously allow for the share of profits taken by the production contractor raising gas or by joint venture partners in the plant. A knowledgeable report from Indonesia, included in a survey of LNG options for Asia done by the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, suggests that the net benefit is around half of the sales value in the Indonesian case.

Basically, a LNG project can hardly be

## Dollar rates chalk up gains

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 14 — The American dollar did a sharp turnaround on the New York exchange markets Wednesday night and gained ground against virtually all the major world currencies. The switch back into the dollar has once again caught the markets by surprise and seems to have gained strength after the money markets decided that U.S. dollar interest rates would not be going down after all. There was nothing new to suggest that this was indeed going to happen and indeed Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates closed weaker at 8 1/4 percent Wednesday night in New York. The money markets are, however, building up their expectations for this dollar interest rate firming on the basis that the "Fed" will continue to maintain a tight monetary policy.

In the European Eurodollar markets Thursday, dollar interest rates were quoted about 1/4 percent higher across all tenors to take the one-month rate to 9 3/16 percent and the three-month rate to just under the 10 percent level. The Friday night U.S. money supply figures could provide a further boost to dollar interest rates if there was a large increase.

With the dollar on the upturn, the bullion markets were also surprisingly firm and both gold and silver prices registered some strong gains after Wednesday's poor showing in Europe. Gold prices traded at the \$437 an ounce level Thursday — up from the \$429 Wednesday prices, while silver showed its remarkable volatility by rising to \$11.65 an ounce from \$11.33. Quick profit-taking and erratic trading characterized the bullion markets Thursday and

further volatility is to be expected.

The European markets were extremely active too and the dollar's rise has caused dealers to scramble to cover short dollar positions. The pound was under pressure for other reasons too, and sterling fell back to 1.5380 — 1.5330 levels after reaching the 1.5490 prices Wednesday. The fall in sterling reflected the 1/2 percent cut in the Bank of England's money market rate which has now put pressure on the U.K. commercial banks to cut their base lending rates.

In other currency news, the German mark was trading at a 6-week low against the dollar at 2.4460 prices compared with 2.4250 prices Wednesday. The Swiss franc was also weaker at 2.0540 prices, while the Japanese yen was stable at 238.50 levels. The sharpest drop was experienced by the French franc which closed at the 7.3290 levels from 7.2790 on Wednesday, prompting some strong French central bank support. The dollar was generally boosted by the consideration that there will be a lot of demand for the American currency with the American fiscal year approaching on Friday April 15.

The domestic markets were extremely active Thursday and rial deposit levels traded firmer compared to the downward trend seen earlier in the week. The one-month LIBOR rate operated at around the 8 1/4 percent level, while the week-fixed (minor) traded at 7 1/4 percent from 7 1/2 percent prices.

Longer-dated funds were firmer at 8 1/2 percent for the one-year but most activity concentrated in the medium tenors. On the exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates traded quite firmly at the 3.4515-20 levels.

## Caribbean plan good for U.S. — Shultz

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) — Calling it a "jobs bill for the United States," Secretary of State George P. Shultz renewed on Wednesday President Ronald Reagan's administration's long-standing bid for congressional approval of its Caribbean basin initiative.

Shultz encountered some skepticism but little hostility in his testimony to the Senate Finance Committee that making the Caribbean-Central American area essentially a duty-free zone would actually enhance employment opportunities in the United States.

The administration is resurrecting the bill after it failed to clear the Senate before the last session of Congress adjourned in December. The only aspect of the legislation which passed both houses was \$350 million in emergency supplemental aid.

The centerpiece of the revived effort — approved last year by the House — is duty-free

entry for a 12-year period of most Caribbean basin products.

Major U.S. labor unions have opposed the provision on grounds that American firms will invest in the Caribbean area instead of in the United States, aggravating U.S. unemployment.

Countering that argument, Shultz said he is convinced that the "impact on our economy will be positive. 'Because the Caribbean countries are so closely linked to our economy, our sales to them will grow' with their economies," he said.

"Excluding petroleum trade, we have a \$2 billion trade surplus with the Caribbean basin, and are already the major trading partner with most countries there."

"A stronger Caribbean basin will be an even better and more reliable customer for U.S. products. As countries in the region produce more, they will import more. American workers will share in the fruits of that growth."

## BRIEFS

KUWAIT (AFP) — Kuwait has decided to lift its boycott of the French automaker Renault, the newspaper *Al-Yawm* reported here. Kuwait imposed the boycott in January 1982 because of the firm's trading links with Israel. But *Al-Yawm* added that Kuwait would still maintain the boycott on all Renault vehicles assembled in the United States by American Motors, in which Renault has a 46 percent share. American Motors has long been on the Arab League's boycott list.

HARARE (AFP) — Zimbabwe has recorded absolute growth of 110 percent in public service jobs since independence in 1980, and has achieved a dramatic shift in racial balance, Legal Affairs Minister Edson Zvobgo said. In January this year, there were 17,693 non-whites in the service and 4,495 whites, compared with 7,202 white civil servants and 3,368 non-whites in February 1980.

PARIS (AFP) — Western banks owed money by Cuba have agreed to reschedule \$140 million of medium-term debt, banking sources here have said. The sum corresponds to amounts falling due between Sept. 1, 1982 and Dec. 31, 1983. The agreement signed by the Cuban central bank and the Western banks' agent, the French bank Credit Lyonnais, postpones payments to the period Jan. 1, 1984 to July 1, 1990.

TOKYO (AFP) — The Export-Import Bank of Japan announced it will provide the Moroccan Royal Phosphate Office (ORP) with credits amounting up to 19.2 billion yen (\$80.3 million). The 17.5-year credits, carrying an annual interest of 6.75 percent, will be used to finance purchases of equipment for a sulphuric acid plant to be built under Morocco's five-year development program, it said.

MINIBUS, made under license by a Swiss firm, Drobilke, is a car on land but also cruises happily across rivers and flooded fields, the company said after unveiling it at the trade fair here.

The bus has the company's normal three-year guarantee against rust damage — but Volkswagen warns drivers that they will need a motor boat pilot's license before they take any shortcuts to work across the swollen River Rhine.

HANOVER, April 14 (R) — West Germany's largest carmaker Volkswagen has come up with an answer to the country's worst floods for decades — the swimming minibus.

Minibus, made under license by a Swiss firm, Drobilke, is a car on land but also cruises happily across rivers and flooded fields, the company said after unveiling it at the trade fair here.

There is another reason, too, to look for a collaborator. The high costs will usually require large borrowings from the international money market. \$800 million in the Malaysian case for the plant alone. This kind of cash will not be available from banks unless the project has a firm, long-term supply contract.

This logic also applies to other large mineral investments but in the case of LNG there is an added argument for this arrangement. The liquefied gas has to be converted back to gas at the receiving end before it can be used.

Many Asian countries would have gone ahead with LNG plants as a short-cut to earning foreign exchange but for the lack of buyers interested enough in putting up the cash.

There is no doubt, however, that national use of gas should take first priority. Plans for this are in hand not only in Malaysia but also Pakistan, Bangladesh and in some OPEC countries seeking to build up energy-intensive export industries.

| SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS       |   |               |              |              |
|--|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Authority                              | Description   | Tender Number | Tender Price | Closing Date |
| Interior Ministry, Department of Jails | Renovations & electrical works at the Reformatory in Makkah                         | 18/M/N        | 500          | Apr. 9       |
| " " "                                  | Carry out roof insulation for the jails of Abha, Khamis Mushait & Dhahran Al-Janoub | 19/M/N        | 200          | Apr. 10      |
| " " "                                  | Construction of an internal fence, room, sun-shade etc. for Tabuk's jail            | 20/M/N        | 500          | Apr. 11      |
| " " "                                  | Construction of 6 halls & 5 bath-rooms for Makkah's jail                            | 21/M/N        | 500          | Apr. 12      |

## PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 1ST RAJAB 1403/14TH APRIL, 1983

| 1. SHIPS DISCHARGING: |                                  |          |                      |         |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|
| Berth                 | Name of Vessel                   | Agent    | Type of Cargo        | Arrival |
| 1A.                   | Marjan                           | Attar    | Contra/Tri/units     | 13.4.83 |
| 3.                    | Maldiva Pioneer                  | O.Trade  | Maize-Sghm/Rice      | 8.4.83  |
| 4.                    | Annoula                          | Kanoo    | Const. Mats/Gen.     | 12.4.83 |
| 5.                    | El Haj Saleh Al Gadid (Schooner) | Fayez    | General              | 13.4.83 |
| 6.                    | Africa Freezer                   | O.C.E.   | Frozen Chicken       | 13.4.83 |
| 8.                    | Samira                           | Abdallah | Contra/Steel/Gen.    | 11.4.83 |
| 11.                   | Charis                           | El Hawi  | F.Stuff/Cement/Gen.  | 13.4.83 |
| 12.                   | Ibn Malik                        | Kanoo    | St. Pipes/Steel/Gen. | 12.4.83 |
| 14.                   | Tropicana                        | O.C.E.   | Citrus Fruit         | 12.4.83 |
| 15.                   | Kawakab — 1                      | Star     | Frozen Poultry       | 12.4.83 |
| 16.                   | Kaga Maru                        | Allreza  | Containers           | 13.4.83 |
| 17.                   | Maldiva Pride                    | O.Trade  | Timber/Pallets/Nuts  | 12.4.83 |
| 18.                   | Zeus 1                           | Rolaco   | Bulk Cement          | 11.4.83 |
| 19.                   | Jeddah Cement-1                  | Al Sabah | Bulk Cement          | 11.4.83 |
| 20.                   | Al Fahd                          | Bamsadah | Saggad Barley        | 11.4.83 |
| 21.                   | Al Moshtaree                     | Star     | Reefer               | 6.4.83  |
| 22.                   | Saudi Pride                      | M.E.S.A. | Timber/Contra/Units  | 11.4.83 |
| 23.                   | Reefer Penguin                   | O.C.E.   | Frozen Lamb          | 6.4.83  |
| 24.                   | Algalin                          | Star     | Reefer               | 13.4.83 |
| 25.                   | BRICOLOR                         | Barber   | Contra/Units/Mats    | 14.4.83 |
| 27.                   | Professor Szafer                 | Attar    | Contra/General       | 12.4.83 |
| 32.                   | Cythera                          | Gulf     | Lumber               | 12.4.83 |
| 33.                   | Artemis                          | Kanoo    | St. Pipes/Steel      | 13.4.83 |

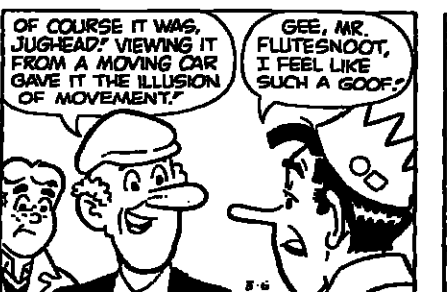
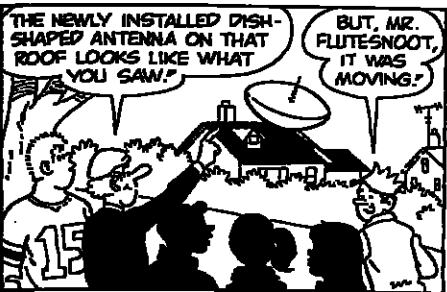
## KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF 1.7.1403/14.4.1983 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

| 2. VESSELS DISCHARGING: |                    |          |               |         |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|---------|
| Berth                   | Name of Vessel     | Agent    | Type of Cargo | Arrival |
| 1.                      | Okanis             | Altawil  | Gen/Cont.     | 13.4.83 |
| 3.                      | Thalassinimana     | Kanoo    | Barley        | 9.4.83  |
| 5.                      | Saudi Independence | Orri     | General       | 12.4.83 |
| 8.                      | Lucky Wave         | OCE      | Fertilizer    | 9.4.83  |
| 9.                      | Copper Trader      | Barber   | To Load Urea  | 13.4.83 |
| 10.                     | Al Hana            | Barber   | General       | 12.4.83 |
| 11.                     | Popi-P             | Allreza  | Gen/Steel     | 12.4.83 |
| 13.                     | Pacific Insurer    | UPF      | General       | 12.4.83 |
| 14.                     | Topusko            | Kanoo    | General       | 3.4.83  |
| 15.                     | Ayubia             | SEA      | Steel         | 7.4.83  |
| 17.                     | Olympic Phoenix    | UPF      | Reefer        | 13.4.83 |
| 20.                     | Europa Freezer     | OCE      | General       | 12.4.83 |
| 21.                     | Hinglaj            | SEA      | Container     | 12.4.83 |
| 22.                     | Glauchau           | UPF      | Containers    | 13.4.83 |
| 24.                     | Ocean Commander    | Rezzayat | Bananas       | 12.4.83 |
| 28.                     | Chalm Everrett     | Gulf     | General       | 12.4.83 |
| 31.                     | Ming Summer        | Gulf     | General       | 12.4.83 |

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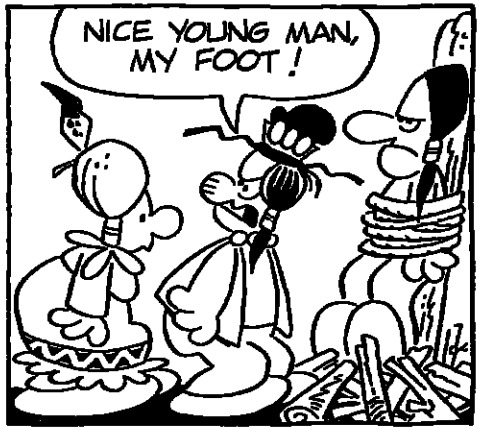
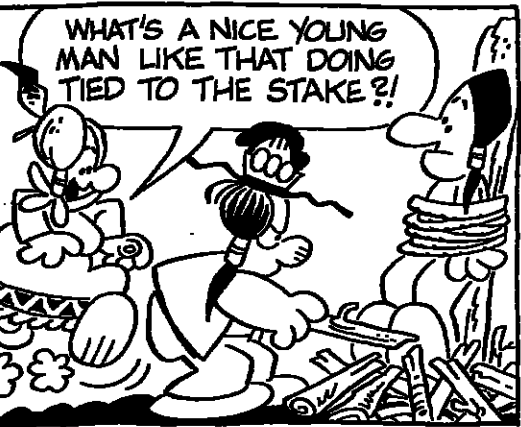
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|------------------------------|--------|----------|
|                              | Cash   | Transfer |
| Bahamian Dollar              | 9.25   | 9.16     |
| Bangladesh Taka              | 14.22  | 14.15    |
| Belgian Franc (1,000)        | 74.00  | 71.68    |
| Canadian Dollar              |        | 2.81     |
| Deutsche Mark (100)          | 143.00 | 142.61   |
| Dutch Guilder (100)          | 128.00 | 126.48   |
| Egyptian Pound               | 3.10   | 3.15     |
| Emirate Dirham (100)         | 94.00  | 94.05    |
| French Franc (100)           | 48.10  | 47.66    |
| Greek Drachma (1,000)        | 41.00  | 41.37    |
| Indian Rupee (100)           |        | 34.61    |
| Italian Lira (10,000)        | 24.30  | 24.10    |
| Japanese Yen (1,000)         | 15.30  | 14.66    |
| Jordanian Dinar              | 9.70   | 9.63     |
| Kuwaiti Dinar                | 11.86  | 11.84    |
| Lebanese Lira (100)          | 84.00  | 83.52    |
| Moroccan Dirham (100)        | 53.10  | 52.86    |
| Pakistan Rupee (100)         | 28.10  | 26.79    |
| Philippine Peso (100)        |        | 35.53    |
| Pound Sterling               | 5.36   | 5.34     |
| Qatar Riyal (100)            | 94.90  | 94.87    |
| Singapore Dollar (100)       |        | 164.47   |
| Spanish Peseta (1,000)       |        | 25.71    |
| Swiss Franc (100)            | 170.00 | 169.14   |
| Syrian Lira (100)            | 39.25  | 61.72    |





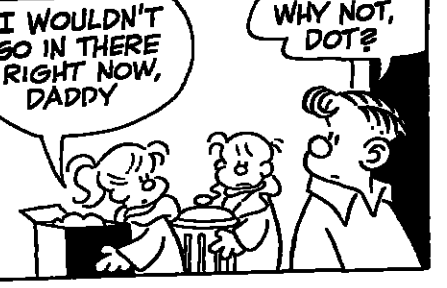
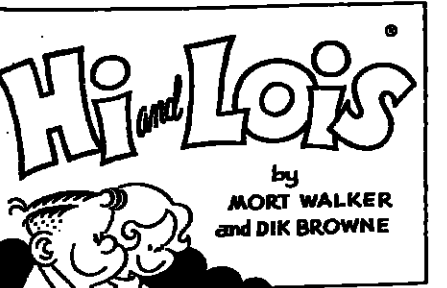
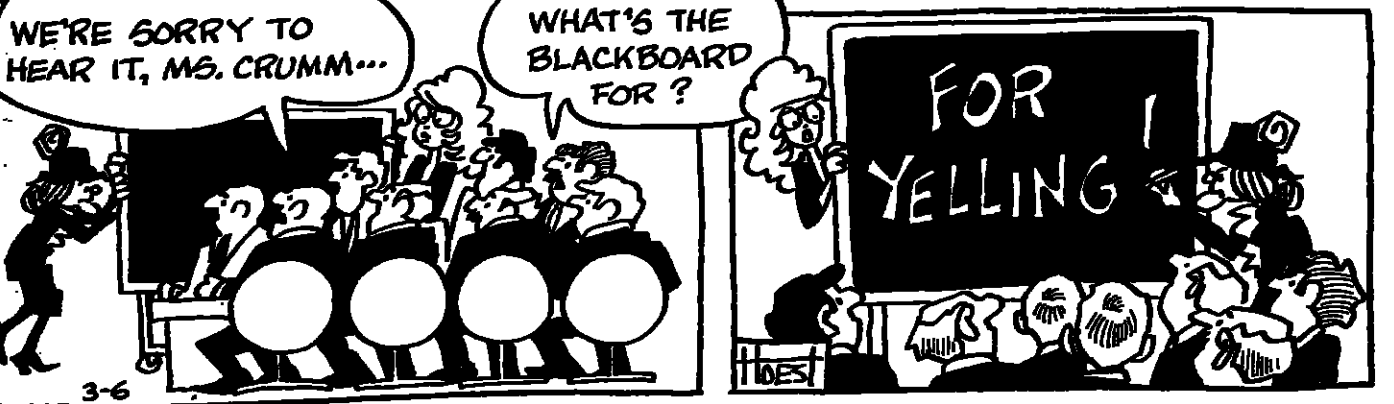
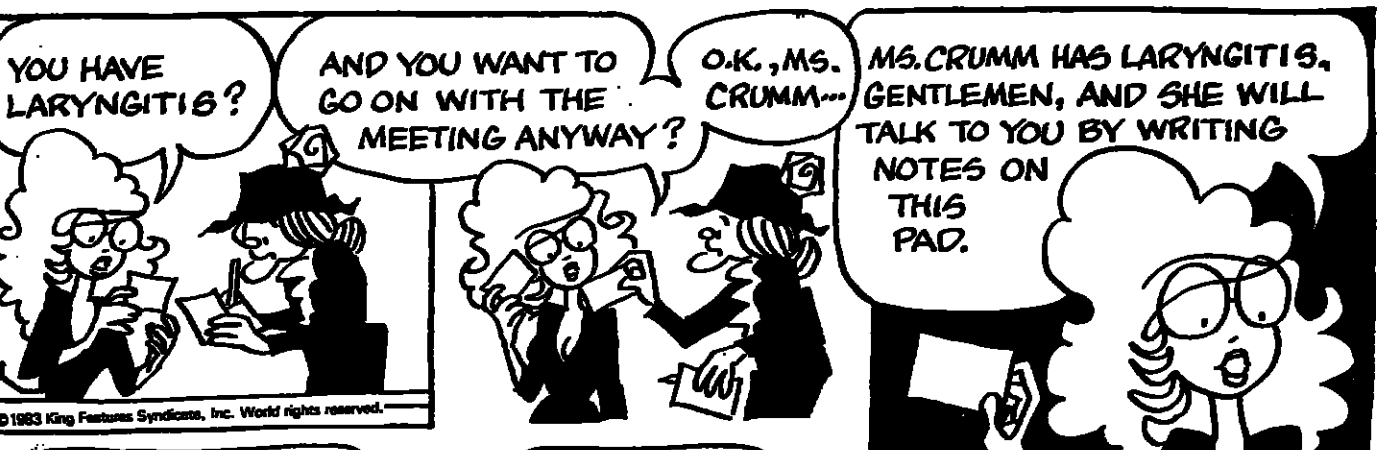
REDEYE

by Gordon Bess



AGATHA CRUMM

by Bill Hoest



Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1983

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)  
You may receive faulty advice about a financial matter. Travel may be more costly than anticipated. Others have ulterior motives.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)  
Deceptive trends affect financial interests. The answer to a work problem is slow in coming. Be low-key and downplay ego.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
Not everyone you meet today is aboveboard. You may not see a romantic situation clearly. A private chat with a friend is helpful.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Someone could take advantage of you in the name of friendship on the job. Social life has more downs than ups.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)  
Business and romance do not combine favorably. Do nothing to arouse gossip. Meet with advisers about business interests.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
A domestic situation seems confusing. Travelers need to double-check schedules and safeguard belongings. Don't dwell on problems.

**LIBRA**

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
It's a poor time to sign papers. Others may renege on agreements. Be wary of those who bend the truth to their liking.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
Partners may not see eye-to-eye about a money matter. You may be bewildered by a loved one's purchase. You may feel a bit self-conscious.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
You may not feel free to say what's on your mind. Daydreaming interferes with work concentration. Don't experiment with health.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
You're somewhat impressionable and gullible in romance. You may learn of a child's secret actions. A friend is unsupportive.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
An acquaintance could pull the wool over the eyes of a dear one. Don't let career worries preoccupy you when socializing.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)  
You won't be able to trust everyone you meet in business. Guests seem to put a damper on a loved one's mood. Someone is self-insistent.

DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE



"I'M SWITCHING PARTIES, FENWICK! FIND OUT WHICH ONE I BELONG TO!"

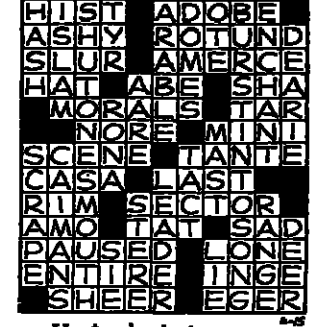


THANKS! AND HERE'S HOW YOU CAN GET RID OF YOUR PAINFUL TOOTH FREE: CLOSE YOUR EYES, PUSH IT DOWN AND THAT'S ALL!

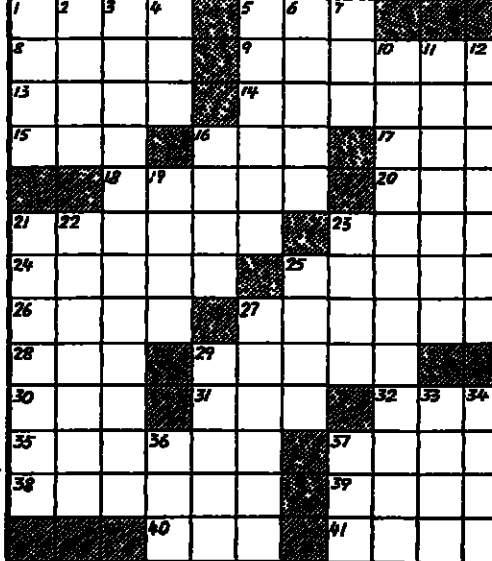
Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**  
1 Tempo  
5 Wing (Lat.)  
8 Chinese port  
9 Vehicle  
13 Rake  
14 Malay dagger  
15 Sea eagle  
16 Insect  
17 Siamese coin  
18 Earthen bottle  
20 Greek letter  
21 Melodic  
23 Prophet  
24 Young TV role  
25 Young  
26 South African plant  
27 Destroyed  
28 Morocco min. range  
29 Bailiff  
30 Morning moisture  
31 Purpose  
32 Anecdotal collection  
35 Shunned  
37 Part of an oz.  
38 Riddle  
39 Spirit lamp  
40 Norse war  
41 — she blows!  
DOWN  
1 Trim  
2 Cupid  
3 Military conference  
4 Orb  
5 Denunciate  
6 Extensive  
7 Wood core  
10 card phrase  
11 Lover of beauty  
12 No longer active  
16 Occupied  
19 Beach wear  
21 Granted  
22 Alleviate  
23 Knife (sl.)  
25 Wooded  
27 Give unto  
29 Frail  
33 Zola heroine  
34 Swedish measure  
36 Code word  
37 Fetch



Yesterday's Answer  
21 Granted 33 Zola heroine  
22 Alleviate 34 Swedish measure  
23 Knife (sl.) 36 Code word  
25 Wooded 37 Fetch



**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE** — Here's how to work it:  
A X Y D L B A A X R  
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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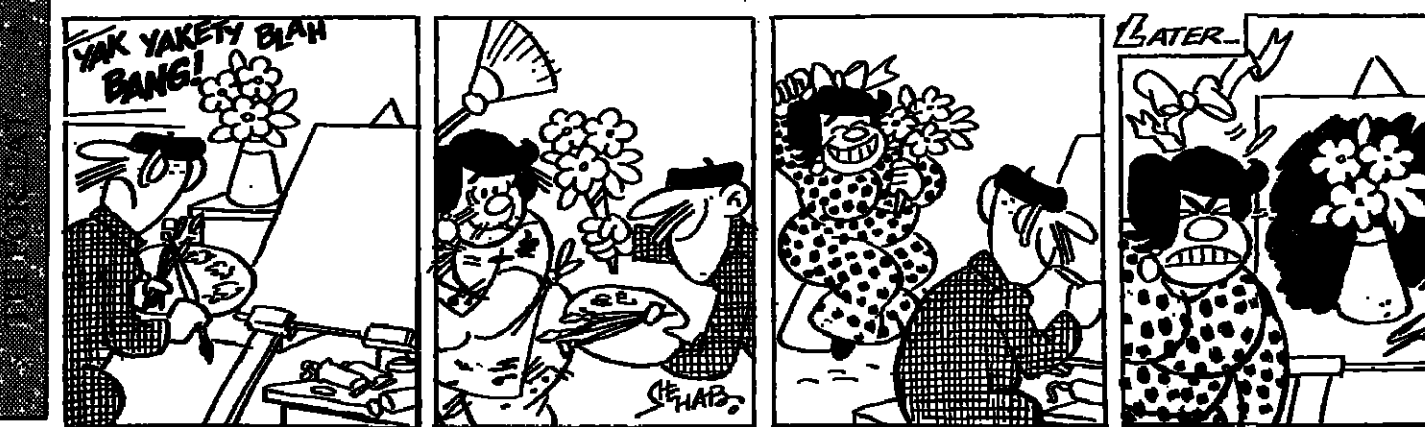
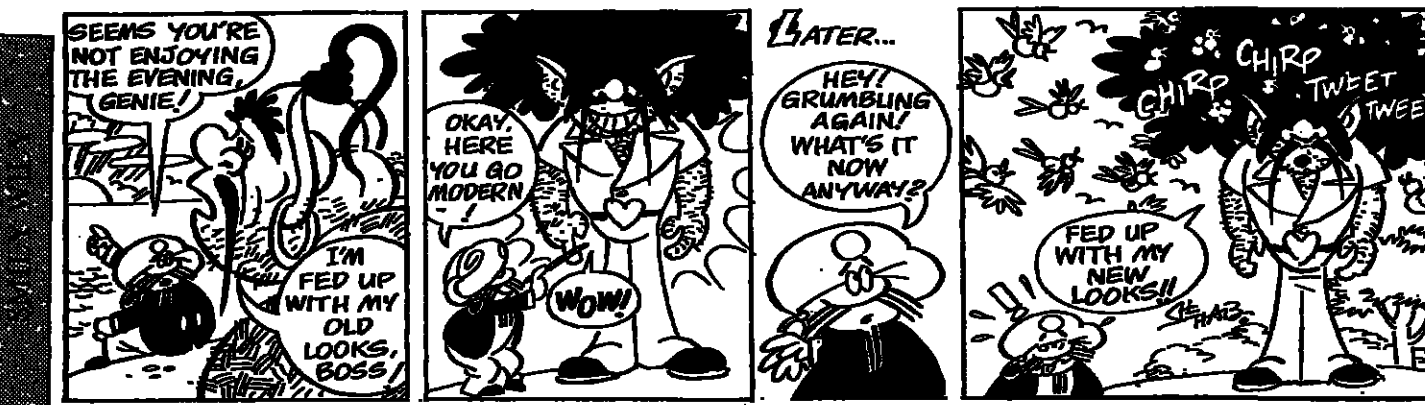
Yesterday's Cryptquote: A COQUETTE IS A WOMAN WITHOUT ANY HEART, WHO MAKES A FOOL OF A MAN THAT HASN'T ANY HEAD. — MME. DELUZY

Contract Bridge

B. Jay and Steve Becker

True or False Quiz

- Below are seven statements of fact or fiction. Mark each statement True or False.
1. True. Three notrump shows 16 or 17 points; two notrump shows 13 to 15.
  2. False. Four hearts is a preemptive bid and shows lots of trumps but not much in the way of high cards. Three hearts is game-forcing and indicates the values for an opening bid.
  3. True. The player in front of dummy is more likely to have K-10-x or Q-10-x than K-Q-x.
  4. True. If you substitute any other sufficient bid, your partner must pass for the rest of the hand.
  5. False. You should lead the five, your fourth best spade. If you had Q-J-10-5-2 or Q-J-9-5-2, you would lead the queen.
  6. True. A grand slam should be bid when the probability of making it exceeds 67 percent. When three cards of a suit are missing, there is a 78 percent probability that they will be divided 2-1.
  7. True. The correct way of playing this combination is to cash the ace and later finesse the ten. This gives you a slightly better than 50 percent chance for four tricks. You would have only a 37 percent chance for four tricks if you cashed the A-K-Q in the hope of dropping the jack.





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### Warsaw marchers dispersed

## Mrs. Walesa evades police interrogation

GDANSK, April 14 (Agencies) — Danuta Walesa, wife of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, said Thursday she refused during two-and-a-half hours of police interrogation to answer questions about her husband's activities.

"I was asked about the communique for the foreign press, but I said I knew nothing about it," she told Western reporters outside the provincial police headquarters in Gdansk after boarding the family's white Volkswagen microbus.

She also said she told the interrogators she did not know where her husband had been for three days last weekend, adding: "They searched me before the questioning like they did my husband Wednesday." On Tuesday Mrs. Walesa read to Western reporters a statement on her husband's first reported meeting with Solidarity's five-man underground leadership last weekend.

Asked whether she had said "I don't know" to every question, Mrs. Walesa replied: "No, we later just had ourselves a little chat...They were very polite the whole time."

Before leaving, Walesa, who had brought his wife to the police headquarters in the microbus, told reporters he would not be available for comment until next Wednesday when he was planning an improvised news conference at his home. The 39-year-old union leader, who Wednesday had refused to answer questions about his meeting with the underground, had instructed his wife to say nothing except to confirm his absence from home last weekend.

Walesa said after returning from nearly five hours in police custody Wednesday he was asked about a statement he issued on Tuesday announcing his meeting with the Provisional Coordinating Commission (TKK) last weekend. The TKK consists of five senior Solidarity officials who evaded capture when martial law was declared in December, 1981. They issued a series of statements last year calling for pro-Solidarity demonstrations and guidelines for an underground resistance movement based on non-cooperation and other peaceful methods.

Walesa has said his secret meeting with the TKK, the first since his release from internment last November, was aimed at coordinating his stand with his former union colleagues.

About 800 people began to march to Warsaw's nearby old town, witnesses said they were turned away by a line of several score police. A number of young people were taken away for questioning as has happened at similar cases in recent months.

Other witnesses reported that police used one or two tear gas canisters to disperse a crowd of Solidarity supporters in the city of Wroclaw. Further details were not available.

The Solidarity underground has called for union supporters to stage silent protests on May 1, a Socialist holiday, by wearing "solidarity clothes," but has urged Poles not to demonstrate during the June 16-22 visit to Poland by Pope John Paul II. By meeting with the underground, Walesa appeared to be testing how far the authorities were willing to let him go in his peaceful campaign.

## BBC chief assails Soviets for jamming radio channels

LONDON, April 14 (Agencies) — Soviet jamming of Western radio broadcasts threatens "chaos" on the international airwaves, the head of British Broadcasting Corp. external services, Douglas Muggidge, said Thursday.

In the sharpest attack yet by BBC in the growing East-West battle for the airwaves, Muggidge accused Moscow of a "politically motivated" campaign to wreck international broadcasting. "It is our credibility that is the ultimate affront to the men of the Kremlin," Muggidge said in an address prepared for a Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association luncheon. An advanced text was made available to the Associated Press.

The Soviets regularly jam or attempt to jam the BBC's Russian-language service, and for the past three years have been jamming transmissions to Poland and Afghanistan from London, as well as those of the Voice of

America and other Western stations. Muggidge said BBC engineers reported that interference, with chainsaw-like noises or superimposed Soviet domestic programs, had got so bad that 80 percent of usable short-wave frequencies were now affected by jamming at evening prime time in Europe.

Muggidge's speech came amid a scramble for the airwaves as the spread of transistor radios has made broadcasting a primary propaganda weapon. Radio Moscow, beaming 2,150 program hours a week in 84 languages, leads the world in output, followed by the United States with nearly 2,000 hours in 47 languages.

In another development, the Soviet Union Wednesday accused the Western press of intentionally presenting a false image of the Third World by ignoring "undesirable facts" and exaggerating "real and imagined" difficulties, the Tass news agency reported.

## Hot line tricky, says Russia

MOSCOW, April 14 (AP) — The Soviet Union said Wednesday that the U.S. administration's proposals for lessening the danger of accidental nuclear war may be aimed at diverting critics' attention.

It also said the superpowers should restore trust, respect and détente if they are sincere about wanting to prevent an accidental nuclear exchange. The U.S. Defense Department has proposed to the Soviet Union four measures to guard against a nuclear war launched by miscalculation or accident. Proposed were a high-speed facsimile transmission link between the Kremlin and the White House, a military communications link between the two nations, high-speed data links between their embassies and consultations in case of terrorist actions involving nuclear material.

Tass said the Soviets always give serious consideration to confidence-building measures, as such proposals are called, and said the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies have suggested ways to build confidence and

## 'Franco-Soviet ties will improve'

BERN, April 14 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand, in his first comment about the expulsion of 47 Soviet citizens from France last week, told Swiss television Wednesday night that his "relations with the Soviet Union will be excellent as soon as each side understands that mutual respect is the best of all international laws."

In an interview on the eve of his official 48-hour visit to Switzerland, Mitterrand said the expulsions were not at all "an act of hostility toward the country involved. I will leave nothing undone on behalf of Franco-Soviet friendship," Mitterrand said. "I will not overlook the basic element of any honest and lasting friendship which is respect for self and for the other."

Asked about the general direction of his foreign policy, Mitterrand said that labeling it "Atlanticist" (biased toward the Atlantic Alliance) was "totally excessive. We are a member of the Atlantic Alliance, good and loyal partners of the alliance, no more, no less...and to speak of an Atlanticist emphasis is not precise," he said.

"I have not cooled France's relations with the USSR," Mitterrand said. "I have only taken clear positions" on the imbalance of Europe's military strength vis-a-vis the Soviet Union's. By the same token, "when

American policy displeases me, I say so," Mitterrand said, giving as an example the U.S. position on the Euro-Siberian oil pipeline and U.S. policy in Latin America.

The French head of state did not find the growth of West Germany's peace movement surprising, because the country's land "is the most explosive-packed on earth." Although a "sincere and profound pacifism" exists, there is another sort, "remote-controlled by propaganda" that overlooks the "tragic and difficult ratio of strength" in Europe, Mitterrand continued.

Questioned about France's economic situation, Mitterrand said his country was not the only one struck by the world crisis. "The originality of our approach has often meant that we find ourselves alone...but thanks to the support of those who produce, those who work, the people, we possess trumps that certain others perhaps lack."

His government has not always derived the benefit it might have from the reforms it put into effect, Mitterrand said, but added that 70 to 75 percent of the programs in his campaign platform had been carried out. "I do not identify France with my political choices," Mitterrand said, "even though I would like to see these political choices enter into practice and fact."



GOES SHOPPING: An elderly lady who wants to go shopping is carried by a West German fireman from her home in Bonn to a boat Wednesday. Many roads near the River Rhine were flooded and people could reach their homes only by boat.

## Swollen Rhine recedes

BONN, April 14 (R) — Flood waters from the rain-swollen Rhine River began to recede Thursday but officials said it would take weeks to repair damage in Cologne, Bonn and other Rhineland towns.

Much of the historic old center of Cologne was still under water, swamping restaurants and other establishments, causing a third day of traffic havoc. Police in Cologne had to set up roadblocks to keep away thousands of sightseers, pressing for a glimpse of the worst floods in 13 years, who were hampering relief workers.

As the floods receded in Bonn, murky water still swished around the entrances to the Bundestag (parliament) building and in one low-lying part of the capital postmen delivered the mail by boat Thursday.

Flooding also receded in eastern France Thursday after five days of widespread inundation in which 12 persons were reported to have died. But officials said the situation was still worrying east of Paris

where the levels of the Seine, Marne and Yonne Rivers were likely to continue rising for another five days.

West German river police said barge traffic on the Rhine, West Europe's busiest inland waterway, would not resume before Sunday at the earliest. Rhineland city officials said it was too early to assess the cost of damage but an official in Koblenz, where flooding was the worst since 1926, said he feared severe damage from heating oil which had seeped out of flooded basements.

Trade and agriculture sources said planting of summer grain crops in West Germany was running three to four weeks behind schedule because of prolonged heavy rain which had waterlogged fields even in areas unaffected by the flooding. Insurance companies said most flood victims with ordinary household insurance policies would get no compensation but state authorities have promised tax relief.

## Italian terror group gives up

BOLOGNA, Italy, April 14 (R) — Italy's leftist Prima Linea (front line) guerrilla group, once the most powerful group after the Red Brigades, has abandoned its armed struggle against the state, one of its leaders said Thursday.

## 2 Mafia bosses among 7 shot dead in Sicily

PALERMO, Sicily, April 14 (R) — Gunmen shot dead seven men, including two Mafia bosses, in Sicily Wednesday, renewing a spate of killing which has already resulted in five deaths this week, police said.

Roadblocks were set up on the outskirts of Sicilian towns Wednesday after the flare-up of violence which police have attributed to a bitter struggle between some of the island's Mafia families. Tuesday night, police found the bullet-riddled body of Venero Cocco who was shot by gunmen on a motorcycle as he drove a horse-drawn cart down a country lane about 30 kms from Catania.

Earlier, gunmen in the nearby town of Gela murdered Angelo Emmanuele, a prominent local Mafia boss, and critically wounded one of his henchmen, Alfonso Ficarra. Four other men were killed in the region around Catania in what police described as Mafia-style revenge killings.

In Palermo, a 70-year-old gangland boss, Giuseppe Misuraca, was shot dead in a busy street in the sixth killing in the capital in two days.

## U.K. Labor Party support grows

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — Britain's main opposition Labor Party is rapidly catching up in popularity with the ruling Conservative party, a Gallup Poll showed Thursday.

The survey taken for *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper was published amid increasing speculation that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will call a general election in June, a year early. The poll showed the Conservative lead over Labor down to 5.5 points, compared with 11 points a month ago.

The Tories retained their unbroken year-long lead, however, with a winning 40.5 percent of the vote, compared with 35 percent for Labor. Support for the centrist alliance of the Social Democratic and Liberal parties slumped to 22.5 percent.

Labour's gain was at the expense of the alliance, falling back after a brief revival to about one-third of the vote in national polls after defeating Labor in a special parliamentary election Feb. 24.

## America maintains 64 military bases in U.K.

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — The United States maintains 64 military bases or facilities in Britain according to an official list released Wednesday.

In addition, another 11 airfields have been put at U.S. disposal for use in times of tension or war, the British Defense Ministry list said. It was released in response to questions from reporters. With the American nuclear presence in Britain a hot political issue, the disclosure received prominent news coverage here.

The bases include two for F-111 swing-wing nuclear bombers numbering about 150, and a base for Poseidon C-30 submarines armed with nuclear missiles.

The F-111 bases are at Lakenheath and Upper Heyford, England, and the submarine base at Holy Loch, Scotland.

In addition, two air bases, at Greenham Common and Molesworth, England, will be used for the 160 U.S. Tomahawk Cruise missiles which Britain is accepting under a NATO program between the end of this year and 1988.

Other bases reserved for U.S. use range from a 47-acre (19-hectare) warehouse at Burtonwood to unmanned microwave communications stations and installations patrolled by one man and a dog.

Control of the U.S. bases, particularly those which will take Cruise missiles, has become a burning issue in Britain.

To repeated suggestions that Britain should have "dual key" controls of nuclear missiles here, along with the U.S. military, Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said the present arrangement for "joint decision" on use of the bases is satisfactory.

The joint decision procedure has never been spelled out. Reports from Washington Tuesday said British Conservative member of parliament Julian Critchley had told reporters there that Mrs. Thatcher plans to ask President Ronald Reagan for a veto over use of Cruise missiles based in Britain. But Mrs. Thatcher's aides denied this and said the joint decision pact in effect for 30 years is sufficient.

### As clashes continue

## Thai soldier killed in ambush

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, April 14 (Agencies) — Thai military officers Wednesday reported two clashes along the tense Thai-Kampuchean border, claiming that at least one Thai soldier was killed in an ambush sprung by Vietnamese along the southeastern stretch of the frontier inside Thailand.

Another clash was reported south of this key Thai border town between Hanof's troops and the Communist Khmer Rouge, one of three Kampuchean resistance groups that have been pounded and disrupted by a major Vietnamese drive over the past two weeks.

The Thai officers said the ambush of a Thai border patrol took place in Klong Yai district of Trat province near the Gulf of Siam. Thai claims that the ambush took place inside Thailand could not be verified by independent sources.

Fighting along the border has died down in the past few days although most Western and Thai military analysts still anticipate Vietnamese strikes north of this town, where two key bases of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) are located. The Vietnamese are fighting the Khmer Rouge, the KPNLF and a group loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who heads a coalition government known as Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia).

The leadership of the Khmer Rouge, which directed a bloodbath when it ruled Cambodia between 1975-78, is believed to be in the border area. But Sihanouk has remained at his residence in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang throughout the latest crisis, while — somewhat surprisingly — KPNLF leader Son Sann flew off to Paris Tuesday night despite threats of Vietnamese attacks.

The foreign ministers of the three Indochinese countries — Vietnam, Laos and the pro-Hanoi regime in Kampuchea — Wednesday announced that they wished to end the fighting along the frontier and Vietnam said it would stage a partial pullout of its estimated 180,000 troops from Kampuchea next month.

The number of troops to be withdrawn was not given in a communique issued by the three at the conclusion of a one-day special

meeting Tuesday in the Kampuchean capital of Phnom Penh. It was not known whether the pullout was a special one or merely the implementation of an announcement made last February that Hanoi would withdraw some of its troops from Kampuchea this year.

The ministers also called for a special "security zone" along the frontier and mediation to enable more than 43,000 Kampuchean refugees who have fled into Thailand in the wake of recent fighting to return to their homeland.

Meanwhile, China Thursday accused Vietnam of increasing tension along their borders to deflect international attention from the Kampuchean-Thai border, along which Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea are fighting guerrillas.

## Former chief of Rumasa to be prosecuted

MADRID, April 14 (R) — Spain's state prosecutor began proceedings Thursday against the former head of the giant holding group Rumasa for financial and currency frauds, the Justice Ministry said.

A ministry statement said two special prosecutors had been appointed to handle the charges against Jose Maria Ruiz Mateos, 51, and other former directors of Rumasa which included accusations of currency smuggling, document forgery, social security fraud and accounting fraud. Ruiz Mateos lost control of the business empire he had built into the largest private holding group in Spain when the government took it over in February saying Rumasa was on the verge of collapse due to financial irregularities.

Police recently discovered two walled-in caches of Rumasa papers, including accounts for the last few years, which disappeared soon after the takeover. Ruiz Mateos was last reported to be in Britain where he said he was clearing up business matters there.

## Moscow food store manager held

MOSCOW, April 14 (R) — The manager of Moscow's premier food store, Gastronom No. 1 in Gorki Street, is being held by police on charges of theft and bribery, a Moscow newspaper said Thursday.

A brief notice in *Moskovskaya Pravda* was the first official confirmation of reports which swept Moscow in November that Yuri Sokolov and five of his deputies had been detained as part of a drive against high-level corruption. It said the deputies were facing the same charges.

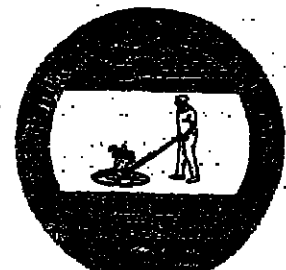
The newspaper added that the head of a food wholesale organization and five subordinates had also been charged with theft and taking bribes. Sokolov's arrest in early November was seen in Moscow as a signal that the authorities had decided to move

against blatant corruption amongst officials whose seniority had previously protected them from the law.

Gastronom No. 1 is still known as Yelisevsk's after its pre-revolutionary proprietor and retains a chandelier and wood-panel style from that era.

Soviet sources said Sokolov enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle and maintained a large villa in the country. He was known to enjoy the acquaintance of senior political figures and was therefore considered a secure member of the establishment.

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| London         | 6   | 43  | 14 | 57  | clear  | Toronto        | 3   | 37  | 8  |
| Los Angeles    | 9   | 48  | 21 | 70  | clear  | Vancouver      | 2   | 36  | 12 |
| Madrid         | -1  | 30  | 21 | 70  | clear  | Vienna         | 6   | 43  | 8  |
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